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FORT WILLIAM, THE 27TH DECEMBER, 1907.

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A PORTABLE LOCO-TYPE BOILER, with Engine, by Ransomes Head and Jeffories in good condition. May be seen by appointment. Apply to "B. G.," care of this Office.

SALES BY AUCTION.

CRAWFORD AND COMPANY,
No. 7, MARINE STREET.

MOTOR CARS.
For Sale by Public Auction.
By order of the concerned.
Grand Opportunity for those wanting Second-hand Motor Cars at a cheap price.
The following one new single cylinder and three second-hand 2 and 4 cylinder motor cars will be sold by Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. by Public Auction, on SUNDAY, the 5th January, 1908, at 11 a.m. (S.T.), at the premises of Mr. A. Hyland, Motor Engineer and Repairer, Gowalia Tank Road, opposite the Fire Brigade Station, where these cars can be seen any week day, during the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.
1. One Brand New 6 H. P. "Oldsmobile" Runabout Car to seat 4 persons with leather hood and all accessories. And excellent car for town work, good hill-climber and the most silent single cylinder car made. Car never used but only slightly shop-soiled, painted dark green.
2. One second-hand 2-cylinder 12 H. P. "Relyante" Motor Car, Tonneau Body, to seat 5 persons, Cape cart hood and all accessories. Battery ignition. Three speeds forward and reverse. Car recently re-painted and varnished. Perfect working order and very good condition. Painted dark green. Sold as owner has purchased a 4-cylinder car.
3. One second-hand 2-cylinder 12 H. P. Beeston "Humber" Car Side entrance Double phaeton long base body to seat 4 persons. Cape cart hood and all accessories. Battery ignition. Three forward speeds and reverse. Tyres and all working parts in perfect working order. Painted carmine. Sold as owner has purchased a 4-cylinder car of the same make.
4. One second-hand 4-cylinder 15 H. P. New Orleans Car. Side entrance, double phaeton body to seat 4 persons. Cape cart hood and all accessories. Battery ignition. Three forward speeds and reverse. Tyres and all working parts in perfect order. Painted green. Sold as owner has purchased a 4-cylinder car.

WEEKLY AUCTION SALE.
On MONDAY, the 6th inst. at 2-30 p. m. (S.T.), Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction at their Rooms a quantity of Grey, White and coloured piece goods and the following:
Furniture such as sofas, easy chairs, light chairs, dressing, wash-hand and writing tables, chest of drawers, almirahs, cupboards, Chubb's safe on stand.
35 volumes encyclopædia Britannica.
1 Dynamo 9 H. P. with fittings in working order.
Photography kit such as lenses, cameras, stands, dishes, printing frame, back-grounds, magic lantern with 100 slides of different kinds, microscope, cinematographic camera, photographic books, drapery, furniture, stands, etc.
By order of the Administrator-General, the effects of the late Nathoobhai Nanabhai, consisting of silk shells, pitambars, sarees, kinkhab, tin trunk, etc.
Also the effects of the late Gangaram Ramrattan, consisting of copper trays, scale with weights, wooden cash box, etc.

AT 3-30 P. M.
Several Gents' bicycles by different makers.
1 Light dog-cart by Stephens.
1 rubber-tyred vis-a-vis.
1 rubber-tyred victoria.
1 double-seated brougham.
And any other carriages and horses which may be offered.

On TUESDAY, the 7th Instant, at 2-30 p.m. (S.T.) Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction at the Victoria House, Byculla, (in the premises lately vacated by Messrs. Breslaur & Co., and close to Messrs. Phillips & Co., where the biz has been removed for sale) the valuable and artistic design teakwood, blackwood, and Satinwood and Mahoganized furniture, also few pieces by Breslaur, such as sliding dining table, arm and without arm chairs, mirror back sideboard and dumb waiters, meat safe, marble top circular tables and teapoys, English tiled top teapoys, plush and tapestry lined fan pattern, drawing-room suit of sofas and chairs, Corner and side cabinets, marble top chiffoniers, bric-a-brac, sofa, jardiniers, lady's and gent's easy chairs, office and varanda seats, office tables, plate glass door, library and book presses, single and double mirror door almirahs, single and double bedsteads, dressing and washband tables, chest of drawers, table and hall lamps by Ditmar, rich glassware and crockeryware, best plated ware by Reed and Barton and others, cases of cutlery and forks, sets of spoons and forks, Indian large and small carpets, old blue China, large size jars, year's winding clock, sweet-toned ebonized ironframed cottage piano specially built for India, musical box playing 12 Hindustani tunes, with spare rollers on stand, American 12 stops church organ, concert phonograph by Ramchander, Graphophone, etc., the property of Captain J. Hendersen and Infantry Mess.
Catalogues will be published and the property is on view.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE FURNISHED BUNGALOW at Matheran known as Sands House.
Under instructions from the owners Messrs. Bapooji Sorabji Patel, Khurshedji Patel, and Ardeshir Sorabji Patel, carrying on business in Bombay as Merchants under the Firm and style of Messrs. Framji Sons and Co., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by Public Auction at their Rooms in Bank Street, Fort, on WEDNESDAY, the 15th day of January, 1908, at the hour of 4 o'clock in the afternoon, the undermentioned property situate at Matheran known as Sands House with all the furniture therein.
PARTICULARS OF PROPERTY.
All that piece or parcel of leasehold ground and premises with their appurtenances and the Bungalow or tenement standing thereon known as Sands House situated at Matheran in the District of Kolaba, in the sub-District of Kurjat containing by admeasurement 3 Acres and 25 Gunthas be the same a little more or less and discribed and particularly denoted as No. 24 in a certain Map or plan of Matheran deposited with the Collector of Kolaba, together with all the household furniture lying therein.
For further particulars and conditions of sale application may be made to Messrs. Jehangir and Seervai, Solicitors, for the said Mr. Bapooji Sorabji Patel or Messrs. Wadia and Ghandy and Co., Solicitors, for the said Messrs. Khurshedji Sorabji Patel and Ardeshir Sorabji Patel or to the Undersigned.
CRAWFORD & Co.
BOMBAY, 3RD, JANUARY 1908.

BENNETT & COMPANY,
No. 11, APOLLO STREET.
TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, the 4th instant, at 3 30 p.m. (S. T.), Messrs. BENNETT & Co. will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, a quantity of grey and coloured piece-goods, etc.
A few lots of furniture consisting of writing tables and chairs, easychair, bookstands, cupboards, copying press, one large safe, by G. Lucas & Co., England, also a few lots of plateware, cutlery, iron stove, iron tub, etc.
By order of the Chief Presidency Magistrate the following unclaimed articles, such as gold wristlet, gold bead necklaces nosering, chain, gold rings, earrings, armlets, silver wristlet, silver chain, silver rings, false pearls, anklets, silver necklace, toe rings, copper pieces, towels, chaders, dhotees, embroidered cap, says, etc.
AT 2 P.M. (S.T.)
1 handsome strong glass fronted miniature office brougham in good order.
1 handsome strong rubber-tyred victoria, in very good order.
1 second-hand rubber-tyred palanquin office shigram, in good order.
1 grey pony quiet in harness.
1 bay Arab, quiet in harness and saddle.

AUCTION SALE OF HORSES AND CARRIAGES.
On SUNDAY, the 12th instant at 4 p. m. (S. T.), Messrs BENNETT & CO., will sell by Public Auction, at Bombay Stables Company's yard, Byculla, the following horses belonging to the Native States.
1. 1 bay Arab, 15—3, 7 years, quiet in single and double harness, very handsome and is being ridden as an hack.
2. 1 handsome packkallian chesnut Arab, 14-3, 7 years, very fast in single and double harness, it constantly being driven in pair with No. 1 and is a good hack.
3. 1 dark grey Arab, 14-3, 8 years, quiet in single and double harness.
4. 1 bay Arab gelding, 14-2, 7 years, handsome hair, very fast, can trot 12 miles an hour, will make a good polo pony, as he has been ridden.
5. 1 Bay stud-bred pony, 5 years, broken to harness, a good hardy animal, will do any amount of work and very showy.
6. 1 second-hand brougham, suitable for single or pair, in perfect order, lately used by Dr. Lyons, indispensable to doctors and nicely fitted inside.
BENNETT & Co.
BOMBAY, 3RD JANUARY, 1908.

NOTICE
MRS. JAMES LEASK (formerly of Bombay) having REMOVED from Edinburgh to "Elmswood," 52, Crystal Palace Park Road, Sydenham, London, S. E., will be glad to TAKE ENTIRE CHARGE of and Superintend the Education of CHILDREN whose parents are in India and abroad. For Particulars apply *Bombay Gazette* Office.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE Hall Line steamer Wistow Hall 2,138 ton Captain J S Meria will sail to-day for Calcutta in ballast.

THE steamer Bime 1,899 tons Captain W. Guy will sail to-day for Rangoon via Murmugoa with a general cargo.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Lawada 2,124 tons Captain J. Kilpatrick arrived in harbour on the 1st instant from Calcutta via coast ports with a general cargo Mrs Smith and 4 children, and 11 deck passengers.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Nerbudda, 1,961 tons Captain M G Williams arrived in harbour yesterday from the Persian Gulf via Karachi with a general cargo, and 6 cabin and 53 deck passengers.

MEN-OF-WAR & ROYAL INDIAN MARINE SHIPS.

IN GOVERNMENT DOCKYARD.

H M S Prosperine ....Capt James.....R Navy

IN THE STREAM.

H M S Hyacinth.....Capt A W Heneage .....R Navy
H M S Highflyer.....Capt O S Hickley .....R Navy
Plassy .....Mertley .....Transport
H M S Sphinx .....Comdr Lilehfield.....R Navy

VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR—JAN. 2.

Alberto Treves ..2446 Crows .....
Caledonia.....1509 Tocqlet .....P & O Co
Dwarka.....759 Moxon .....M M & Co
Euphorbia .....Stevens .....J M & Co
Grantley Hall ..2586 Jones .....A Nixon & Co
Hugeri .....911 Le Mesle .....B & P S N Co
Helios .....806 Kundsen .....F F C & Co
Ipswich.....515 Pelling .....Shah S N Co
Investigator .....S Mamoojee & Co
Kalibus .....3149 Walker .....Bombay Co
Kirklee .....2375 Watson .....W & A Graham & Co
Landara .....2157 Austin .....M M & Co
Lawada.....2124 Kilpatrick .....M M & Co
Maharani.....1666 McCabe .....T Morrison & Co
Nairn .....2324 Lorcen .....
President .....2087 .....A Strands
Shah Jahan.....2556 Davison .....E Tejbhoy
Shah Nasir .....2 65 Grant .....Shah N N Co
Boarthee .....2536 Clergy .....W & A G & Co
Zoroaster .....2375 Ewan.....K Nixon & Co

VESSELS IN DOCK—JAN. 2.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Vessl.	Tns.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agents.
B Clan Mackintosh	2042	Lennox	...A'werp	10-1-08	F Muir & Co
D&E Chapra	2945	Rogland	Antwerp	9-1-08	M M & Co
F Satara	34	9 Tyrrel	N F		M M & Co
G Mashtari	1110	Gore	Mauritius	9-1	B & P S N Co
H Majbil	1820	Coates	Mauritius	8-1-08	B & P S N Co
K Hindoo	2136	Jones	Full ...via K'chi	9-1	F M & Co
M Maragon	3279	Hodgson	Repairing		M M & Co
N Baron Dalmeny	3503	Dodds	Baltimore	10-1	R A Willis
O Shah Ameer	1923	Pilling	Mauritius	7-1-08	H A Hasenn
P Ehrenfels	2799	Kinkens	K'chi	8-1-'8	Glade & Co
Q Ahmadi	1640	Hughes		N F	B & P S N Co

Offside M

Mozaffari	1387	Mclony	Jeddah	N F	B & P S N Co

H W P D

Courland	749	Ebrahim	G Ports	2-1	Bo S N Co
Indravati	513	Fakeera	Mangalore	3-1	Bo S N Co
Sabarmati	524	Mohommad	K'chi	4-1	Bo S N Co

VICTORIA DOCK.

1 Islanda	5366	Cunningham	K'chi	2-1-08	M M & Co
2 Castalia	4081	Blight	L'pool	7-1-08	W & A G & Co
3 City of G'sow	4111	Grenshorn	K'chi	3-1-08	K N & Co
4 Peninsular	2213	Peters	Shanghai	8-1	P & O Co
5 Kybfels	4996	Von Thulen	London	11-1	Glade & Co
6 Stanley Hall	2939	Henderson	K'chi	11-1	K Nixon & Co
8 Morori Maru	2736	Hands	Kobe	8-1-08	N Y Kisaba
9 Malta	2900	Peters		N F	P & O S N Co
10&11 Banca	3793	Le Mare	Kobe	4-1-'08	P & O Co
12 Persia	4198	Haughton	London	4-1-08	P & O Co
14 Lhasa	936	Rothwell	K'chi	3-1	M M & Co
16 Nerbudda	3025	Williams	Busreh	6-1	Bo S N Co

M W D D

Saltan	1751	Ulrich	Zbar	6-1-08	A Strandes

ARRIVALS.

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
Jan. 1	Lawada s	Kilpatrick	Calcutta, Dec 1
2	Nerbudda s	Williams	Bushire, Dec 18

DEPARTURES.

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
Jan. 2	Dumra s	Hirst	Persian Gulf, &c.
	Ula	Watkeys	Rangoon.

The following vessels obtained their portclearances yesterday.

Steamer Wistow Hall, Meria for Calcutta,
" Bome Guy, for Rangoon, &c,

The following vessels began to load yesturday :—

Steamer Nerbudda, for Persian Gulf, &c.
" Lawada, for Ca cutta, &c,
" Nera, for Sydney, &c.
" Kylefels, for Antwerp, &c,
" Meshtari, for Mauritius, &c
" Ahmadi, for Jedab.

MADRAS.

ARRIVALS.

Dec,	Vessel,	From
20	Lord Kelvin	Calcutta
20	Alcona	Calcutta
21	Blythwood	Pondicherry
30	Nizam	Bombay
30	Lindula	Negapatam
31	Palamcotta	Rangoon

DAILY EXPORTS.—JAN. 2.

FOR LONDON.

Persia s—235lbs Ivory, A Visram ; 19 bales skins, M J Joomabhoy and Co ; 21 bales hides and skins, W and A Graham and Co ; 8 bales skins, R M Kooka.

FOR MARSEILLES.

City of Glasgow s—100 bales cotton, 4,900 cwt teels oil, and 5,860 cwt mowrassed Ralli Bros.
Castalea s—200 bales cotton Ralli Bros.

FOR HULL.

Hindoo s—2,000 cwt cottonseed, P Soorji and Co,

FOR MOJI.

Moyori Maru s—300 bales cotton Ralli Bros.

FOR OSAKA.

Moyori Maru s—700 bales cotton, Ralli Bros.

FOR KOBE.

Moyori Maru s—1,300 bales cotton, Ralli Bros.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COL. R. W. L. DUNLOP
COMMANDING B. V. R.
Bombay, Jan. 3.

1—Detail for the week ending Saturday the 4th instant.
To-day Friday the 3rd—All Recruits of the current season will parade at Head-quarters at 7 p.m.
Saturday the 4th—The Battalion will parade at Santa Cruz for Outpost.
Dress—Uniform, Drill Order.
Special carriages will be attached to the Train leaving Colaba at 3-30 p. m.
Railway fares will be paid for those joining this train at Colaba, Church Gate, Marine Lines, Grant Road and Dadar.
Members travelling from other Stations will pay their own fares, which will be refunded.
Refreshments will be provided.

A. L. CARTWRIGHT, Capt.,
Adjt., B. V. R.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LT.-COL. LOUIS P. RUSSELL,
COMMANDING, B. V. A.
Bombay, Jan. 3.

372 REVERSION AND TRANSFER.

Sgt E H Johnson, No1 Company riverts to Gunner at his own request and is transferred to the Reserve.

373 LEAVE.

Leave of absence for 6 months is granted to Gr F B Plunkett No 3 Company from 1st instant.

R. W. FISHER, Lieut.,
Adjt., B. V. A.

BOMBAY LIGHT HORSE.

SQUADRON ORDERS.
Bombay, Jan. 3.

There will be a Parade at the Riding School for members residing in Bombay on Tuesday next the 7th instant at 7-30 a.m
Dress,—Drill order Khaki, Carbines and Swords.

T. W. GUFFE, Major.,
Comdg. B. L. H.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS.—Are you broken in your rest by a sick child suffering with the pain of cutting teeth ? Go at once to a chemist and get a bottle of Mr. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is perfectly harmless and pleasant to taste, it produces natural, quiet sleep by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes as bright as a button. It soothes the child, it softens the gums, allays all pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels, and is the best known remedy for dysentry and diarrhœa, whether arising from teething or other causes. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup is sold by Medicine dealers everywhere

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

LONDON MARKETS.

LONDON, *January* 1.] [BOMBAY, *January* 2.

FINANCIAL.

	Rates.	Pies.	Minus.
Discount Short London Bills, 3 months' sight ...	5 1/8		3/4
Do. Indian Bank Bills, 6 months' sight ...	5 1/8		3/8
Do. 3 Months' Fine Trade Bills	6 1/4		1/4
Do. 6 Months' Fine Trade Bills	5 3/4		1/2
Interest Day-to-day Loans	4 3/4		1 2/4
Do. 7-day Market Loans ...	4 3/4		2

Exchange on India, 30 days' sight (Bank's buying rate) 1s. 3 25/32+1/32d.

Council Bills:—

At the Periodical Biddings for Council Bills on India to-day for Rs. 50,00,000.

Rs. 28,30,000 were allotted to Calcutta.
" 5,80,000 were allotted to Bombay.
" 5,00,000 were allotted to Madras.

Rs. 37,10,000 at 1s. 3 29/32d.

Average rate of allotment, Calcutta & Bombay 15 91.

TELEGRAPHIC TRANSFERS :—

Rs. 12,90,000 were allotted to Bombay.

Rs. 12,90,000 at 1s. 3 15/16d.

Average rate of allotment Bombay 15 95

Total amount of Bills sold during the week ending Tuesday evening, including last Public Sales ... ... Rs. 25,00,000
Amount to be allotted next week... Rs. 50,00,000

EXTRA ALLOTMENTS :—

Bills on Bombay	...Rs. 40,000	at 1s. 3 15/16d.
Bills on Madras	...Rs. 2,50,000	at 1s. 3 15/16d.
Bills on Calcutta	...Rs. 5,00,000	at 1s. 3 15/16d.
Transfers on Bombay	...Rs. 1,00,000	at 1s. 3 31/32d.

BOMBAY, 2ND JANUARY 1908.

Markets closed for Holidays.

A telegram from the Head Office of the Alliance Bank of Simla, Limited, states that the net profits of the Bank for the half-year ending 31st December 1907, amount to Rs. 1,55,000, including the balance brought forward. The usual ad-interim dividend is declared payable and the balance carried forward.

FOREIGN CABLE COMMUNICATION.

STATE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION.

Great Britain.	Continent of Europe.	America.	Australia.	China.	Africa.
Via Teheran Perfect.	Via Teheran Perfect.	Via Brest Perfect.	Via Penang Perfect.	Via Penang Perfect.	Via Aden Perfect.
Via Turkey Perfect.	Via Turkey Perfect.	Via Valentia Perfect.	Via Amoor Perfect.	Via Amoor Perfect.	Via Cadiz Tenerife Perfect.
Via Suez Perfect	Via Suez Perfect.	Via Direct Cable Perfect.	.....	Via Bhamo Perfect.	Via Lisbon Vincent Perfect.

Latest dates of Foreign Messages received at Bombay from the United Kingdom during the 24 hours ending at 8 p.m. of the 2nd Jan. 1908.

(Difference in longitude allowed for.)

Via	Latest Dates. D.	H.	M.	Time Occupied in Transmission. Hrs.	Mts.
Turkey	..	..	..	..	..
Teheran	2	1	55 p m	0	47
Suez.....	2	2	25 p m	0	32

NOTICE.

Turkish route right (2-1-08.)

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a. m. yesterday, give the following results :—

Wards.	Plague Attacks.	Deaths.	Deaths from all causes.
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade ...	0	0	6
B Mandvi, Chukla, Oomerkhadi and Dongri	0	0	16
C Market, Dhobi Talao Panaswady, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao, and Kumbharwada ..	2	2	19
D Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chowpatti, Walkeshwar, and Mahalaxmi	0	0	8
E Mazagon, Tarwadi, 2nd Nagpada, Kamathipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	1	1	23
F Parel, Sewree and Sion.....	0	0	3
G Mahim and Worli	0	0	10
Water Division.....	0	0	0
Non-Resident and Unknown ..	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	0	6
Total.....	3	3	98
Total plague deaths to date..	141,693		
Same date last year	3	3	91

DETAILS have reached Plymouth of the adventures on the Atlantic liner Minnetonka, London, to New York, of a first class stowaway, who stated that he had been in Europe since July, that he had "done" the continent on a motor-car, and that after having a good time he had become penniless. Ten hours after the Minnetonka had left London, the "Mail" says, he reported himself to the purser. Instead of assigning his unwelcome passenger the task of peeling potatoes in the galley, or other work about the vessel, Captain Cannons gave him a berth in the officers' quarters and a seat at the officers' mess. He objected because he could not get two-shilling cigars, and complained to the captain that the chief steward resented his using the deck chairs and reading the books of the other passengers. In spite of his protest that he was an American citizen, he was taken to Ellis Island. Subsequently the father arrived on the scene and identified the stowaway, who, he said, had been estranged from the family for many years.

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MARRIAGE.

MARR—HART—December 24, at the Cathedral, Bombay, by the Revd. Archdeacon Foote, James Marr, M.D., C.M., to Beatrice Mary Dix, only daughter of E H Hart Esq., of Clifton, Bristol.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

BOYD—December 21, at Lahore, the wife of D. J. Boyd, I.C.S., of a son.
DURHAM—December 22, at Muzaffarnagar, the wife of Barry John Durham, of a daughter.
GLASS—December 27, at Sangi, Assam, the wife of A. A. Glass, of a daughter.
SCOTT—December 14, Gauhati, Assam, to Capt. and Mrs. L. Bodley Scott, I.M.S. of a daughter.
MAWSON—December 20, at Rajshahi, E. Bengal, the wife of Owen Mawson, Esq., of a daughter.
FESSANGES—December 24, at Snow View, Simla, the wife of G. F Fessanges, of a son.
FINLOW—December 27, at Pusa, Bengal, the wife of R. S. Finlow, Fibre Expert, Government of E. Bengal and Assam, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

CASLING—BRADY—December 23, at St. Martin's, Jhansi, by the Rev. H. B. Holman, Cyril Thomas Casling, Inspector of Accounts, R. I. Ry., Delhi, eldest son of F. W Casling, Esq., G. I. P. Ry., and of Devon, to Kathleen, eldest daughter of G.M. Brady, Esq., G. I. P. Ry., and of Tipperary.
THOMSON—FINLAY—December 24, at St. Augustine's, Kohat, by the Rev. R. S. Thomas, B.A., Capt. Alexander Guthrie Thomson, 53th Ridas Frontier Force, to Annie Wilhelmina, daughter of Dr. W. A. Finlay, of Edinburgh.
ALKIN—NICKELS—December 17, at St. Stephen's Church, Kidderpore, by the Rev. W. K. Firminger, M.A., B.D., Francis William Alkin, to Irene Linda Nickels.

DEATH.

TOSH—December 27, in London, Gertrude Isabel, wife of H. S. Tosh, Cawnpore, after a serious operation.

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TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 7h. 13m. Sun sets, 6h. 13m. High water, 10-31m., 11-38a. Low water, 4-45m., 4-35a.
P and O steamer "Oceana," with English Mails of 20th ult., due to arrive at 11 a. m.
Municipal Standing Committee, 2-30 p. m.
Mr. Stevenson's Billiard Exhibition, Pyrke's Billiard Rooms, Apollo Bunder, 9-15 p. m.
Skating Rink, Esplanade, 9-30 p. m.
Excelsior Cinematograph, Esplanade, 7 p. m., 8-30 p.m. and 10 p. m.
The Empire Cinematograph, Framji Cowasji Hall, 7 p. m., 8-30 p. m., and 10 p. m.

PHASES OF THE MOON.—Jan. 4th, New Moon; 3h. 13·4m. a.m.; Jan. 10th, First Quarter, 7h. 22·9 p.m.; Jan. 18th, Full Moon, 7h. 6·9m. p.m.; Jan. 26th, Last Quarter, 8h. 31·3m. p.m.; Jan. 4th, in Perigee, 6h. a.m.; Jan. 19th, in Apogee, 7h. p.m.

THE WEEK'S CALENDAR.

Saturday, January 4.—Bombay Extra Races. Royal-Bombay Yacht Club Races. Mr. Stevenson's Billiard Exhibition, Royal Bombay Yacht Club. Sun rises, 7h. 13m.; Sun sets, 6h. 14m.; High water, 11-22m.; Low water, 5-34m., 5-20a.
Sunday, January 5.—2nd Sunday after Christmas. Sun rises, 7h. 13m.; Sun sets, 6h. 15m.; High water, 0-22m. 0-12a.; Low water, 6-22m., 0-5a.
Monday, January 6.—Bombay High Court re-opens after the Christmas vacation. Municipal Corporation, 3-39 p. m. Sun rises, 7h. 13m ; Sun sets, 6h. 15m.; High water, 1-5m. 1-2a ; Low water, 7-10m., 6-50a.
Tuesday, January 7.—Port Trustees' Inspection of Bombay Harbour and Light-houses. Mr. Stevenson's Billiard Exhibition, Bombay Gymkhana. Sun rises, 7h. 14m. Sun sets, 6h. 16m. High water, 1-48m., 1-53a. Low water, 7-38m., 7-36a.
Wednesday, January 8.—Municipal Standing Committee, 4-9 p.m.; Sun rises, 7h. 14m.; Sun sets, 6h. 17m.; High water, 2-32m , 2-46a.; Low water, 8-47m., 8-23a.
Thursday, January 9.—Municipal Corporation, 3-39 p. m. Mr. Stevenson's Billiard Exhibition, Bombay Club Bombay Hunt, the Kennels. Sun rises, 7h. 14m. Sun sets, 6h. 17m. High water, 3-17m., 3-44a. Low water, 9-41m., 9-14a.

STARVATION AMONG MENDICANTS.—The dead body of a Hindu mendicant (15) was found in Khatar Ali Lane yesterday. Medical examination showed that death was due to starvation.

FATAL BURNS.—Mathurabai (4), a Hindu Girl, who was residing with her parents in Prabhadevi, was sitting among people who were burning hay and dried leaves to warm themselves, when a piece of cloth round her person accidentally caught fire. She was badly burnt and succumbed to the injuries yesterday afternoon.

BURGLARY IN COLABA.—Mr. A. C. Payne has reported to the police that his bed-room on the ground-floor of his bungalow in Middle Colaba was entered into on the night of the 30th December ; and a gold watch and chain and charm and other articles valued at Rs. 360 were stolen from his dressing table.

POSTAL NOTICES.—Mails consisting of superscribed correspondence for Singapore, China and Japan per extra s. s. "Bauca" will be closed at the General Post Office at 4 p m. on Saturday the 4th January.—Mails for Ceylon, the Straits Settlements, China, Japan and Australia per s.s. "Peninsular" will be closed at the General Post Office at 9 a. m. on Wednesday the 8th January.

CARRIAGE ACCIDENT—Narbadabai, a Hindu woman, was being driven in her carriage along Cruickshank Road last evening, and as the carriage came near the Elphinstone High School the horse got frightened by the noise of an electric tram car. He became restive and upset the gharry. Narbadabhai fell out and was severely injured. She was taken to the Cama Hospital, where her injuries were attended to,

FIRE IN A MILL.—Yesterday afternoon a report was made to the police by the manager of the Jacob Sassoon Mill that on Tuesday evening a fire broke out in the waste cotton godown and damage was done to the extent of Rs. 6,000. The fire is attributed to spontaneous combustion. The property was fully insured. The fire was put out by the Mill staff and no intimation was given to the police or the fire brigade.

AN CHRISTMAS IMPOSTER.—A native has been going round to collect money alleging that he is a police officer in distress, and would be indebted to charitably disposed persons if some assistance were given him at Christmas time. The police have made inquiries and found out that the man is not a policeman and a request is made to the public that whoever comes across that man should hand him over to the police.

THE WEATHER.

STANDARD BAROMETER READINGS.

The reading of the barometer at the Colaba Observatory corrected for index error and reduced to 32 deg. F. and for Calcutta standard at 8 a.m. (local time) on the 2nd January was 30·052. The height of tide in the stream above zero of the tide gauge at Apollo Bunder was 14ft. at 8 a.m. (local time). The temperature correction for a mercurial barometer supposing the reading to be 30·00 and that of attached thermometer 80 deg. F. will be 14 and this will be higher or lower by ·01 for each 4 deh. In the case of aneroid no temperature correction is required. Should the height of barometer cistern, either mercurial or aneroid, above zero of tide gauge be different from 47 feet it will read higher or lower by ·01 for each 11 feet. The readings given above are distinct from those given in the daily weather report to which different corrections have been applied.

TELEGRAPHIC WEATHER AND CROP REPORTS, 2ND JANUARY.

Amritsar.—Bright, no sign of rain. Drought still continues. Crop accounts unfavourable.
Hansi.—Bright, no sign of rain. Rain much needed generally for rabi crops. Crop accounts unfavourable.
Delhi.—Bright, no sign of rain. Rain much needed generally for rabi crops.
Agra.—Absence of rain causing anxiety. Rain much needed generally for rabi crops.
Cawnpore.—Bright, no sign of rain. Rain much needed generally for rabi crops.
Bewar.—Bright, no sign of rain. Cotton picking general and arriving in small quantities.
Amraoti.—Mornings cold and dewy. Wheat prospects improving.
Dhulia.—Bright, no sign of rain. Mornings cold and dewy. Crop accounts unfavourable.
Broach.—Fine weather. Cotton picking partially begun at Palej side. Cotton plants show bolls rapidly ripening at Broach and west side. Cotton arrivals expected early at Broach after a week.
Viramgam.—Cotton plants showing bolls.
Wadhwan.—Bright, no sign of rain. Cotton plants show bolls rapidly ripening. Cotton crop making good progress and prospects improving.
Bhavnagar.—Mornings cold and dewy. Cotton arriving in small quantities.
Barsi.—Bright, no sign of rain. Crop accounts unfavourable.
Sholapur.—Cloudy, but no rain. Rain much needed generally.
Hubli.—Mornings cold and dewy. Cotton plants showing bolls. Cotton crop excellent. Linseed and wheat doing well. Rabi crop prospects generally good.
Bellary.—Bright, no sign of rain. Cotton plants showing bolls.

BOMBAY DAILY WEATHER REPORT FOR THE 2nd JANUARY 1908.

Summary of observations recorded at 8 hours on Thursday, the 2nd January, giving data for the preceding 24 hours.

Punjab.—Skies are clear or only lightly clouded and humidity is almost normal or in defect. Calms and north-westerly winds prevail generally. Day temperature was 1° to 5° hotter than usual while during night it was fairly normal at Multan and 1° to 4° cooler elsewhere.
United Provinces.—Skies are clear and the air is considerably drier than usual. The direction of air movement is south-westerly at Agra and Cawnpore and generally westerly at Mainpuri and Allahabad. Temperature during the day time was 1° to 3° hotter while during night it was 1° to 10° cooler.
Sind and Rajputana.—Skies are clear or lightly or moderately clouded and humidity is in defect of normal. Calms and north-easterly winds prevail generally. Minimum temperature was 4° to 5° cooler than usual in Sind while elsewhere temperature both during day and night was normal.
Gujarat, Kathiawar and Central India West.—Skies are cloudless and the air is more or less dry in most places. The direction of air movement is westerly at Bhavnagar Para and easterly or north-easterly elsewhere. The variations of both maximum and minimum have been generally small.
Central Provinces.—Skies are free from cloud and the quantity of moisture in the air has been equal to normal at Raipur and generally in defect elsewhere. Wind was southerly at Raipur while calms and easterly or south-easterly winds prevailed in other places. Day temperature had been fairly normal at Chanda, 2° cooler at Raipur and 1° to 3° warmer at the remaining stations. During night, temperature was 5° to 7° cooler than usual at Nagpur, Chanda and Raipur.
Konkan.—Skies are clear or only lightly clouded and humidity is in slight excess of normal at Goa and Karwar and in a slight to considerable defect at Bombay and Ratnagiri. Calms and easterly winds prevail generally. Maximum temperature was 3° to 4° warner at Bombay and Ratnagiri. The minimum was fairly normal at Goa and Karwar 2° to 4° cooler in other places.
Bombay Deccan and Hyderabad.—Skies are clear and the amount of moisture in the air has been slightly in excess of normal at Belgaum and more or less in defect elsewhere. Winds are blowing from south-westerly direction at Malegaon while calms and easterly or south-easterly breezes prevail elsewhere. The variations of both day and night temperatures were generally small in all places except locally at Poona where the night temperature was 5° cooler.
General Remarks.—Weather is generally fine and settled over nearly the whole country.

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JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

The Govr in Council is pleased under section 37 of the Code of Criminal Procedure 1898 to Mr Narbheram Manchharam Joshi, Resident Magte, Borsad, and Magte of the First Class in the dist of Kaira, invested with Power to take cognizance of offences without complaint.

Mr Mahadeo Raghunath Nadkarni, First Class, Second Grade, Subordinate Judge, on return from leave on 4th January, to be First Class Subordinate Judge at Dhulia, Mr Damodar Waman Bhat, Acting First Class, Third Grade, Subordinate Judge, Dhulia, on relief, to act as Joint First Class, Third Grade, Subordinate Judge, Ahmedabad, Mr Nandkrishnalal R Majmundar, Acting Joint First Class, Third Grade, Subordinate Judge, Ahmedabad, on relief, to be Second Class Subordinate Judge, Mahad, vice Mr Vishnu Vithal Kamat proceeding on leave undermentioned Subordinate Judges, within the local limits of invested with the jurisdiction of a Judge of a Court of Small Causes for the trial of suits cognizable by such Courts up to the amounts specified against their names :—
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Mr D W Bhat, is invested with power to hear appeals from such decrees and orders of Subordinate Courts in the Ahmedabad District as may be referred to him by the Judge of that Court.

Mr D Davies, First Grade Superintendent of Police, has been allowed leave,

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Mr J P Brander, I C S has been allowed an extension of furlough on medical certificate for three months.
Mr V M Ferrers, I C S has been allowed to return to duty within the period of his leave.
Mr D R S Bourke, Divisional Forest Officer, Satara, passed on 18th December an examination of officers of the Forest Department.
Mr H L Newman, Divisional Forest Officer, East Khandesh, passed an examination in Marathi according to the Higher Standard on 17th December.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT,

The following appointment has been made on the Personal Staff of His Excellency the Governor :—Second Lieutenant Shrimant Bala Saheb Daphele of Jath, attached to the 103rd Mahratta Light Infantry, to be Honorary Aide-de-Camp with effect from the 15th December.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

On return from leave Mr C D A McIver, Assistant Engineer, 2nd Grade, is posted to the Indus Left Bank Division.

In anticipation of the sanction of Government, the following officers are directed to resume the special duty for the preparation of the programmes of village works for the districts mentioned against their names :—(1) Mr. Mahadev Ramchandra Potnis, Head Karkun, taluka Nasik, Nasik District. (2) Mr. Ramchandra Vishwanath Gadgil, Mamlatdar of Shevgaon, Ahmednagar District. (3) Mr. Vishnu Govind Mahojani, Mamlatdar of Khatav, Satara District. (4) Mr. Gangadhar Annaji Advant, Mamlatdar of Madha, Sholapur.
Mr. Trimbak Narayn Atre, Head Karkun, taluka Akola in the Ahmednagar District, is appointed to act as Mamlatdar of Shevgaon during the absence of Mr. Gadgil or pending further orders.
Mr. Kashinath Ganesh Dhandarphale, Political Clerk in the office of the Collector of Satara, is appointed to act as Mamlatdar of Khatav during the absence of Mr. Mahajani or pending further orders,
Mr Ramchandra Hari Bhide is appointed to act as Clerk of the Court of the Second Class Sub-Judge's Court of Sangameshvar at Devrukh during the absence on privilege leave of Mr. Antaji Ramchandra Halbe.
Mr Gopal Murarshet Berde is appointed to act as Clerk of the Court of the Second Class Sub-Judge's Court at Dapoli during the absence on privilege leave of Mr Hari Mukundset Redij.
Mr Frank Rodrigues assumed charge of the office of the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sholapur District, on the 16th Dec,
Lieutenant A P Wodehouse delivered over and Captain G N L Labertouche received charge of the office of the Cantonment Magistrate on the 16th December.
The town of Nandurbar is declared free from plague from 17th December.
Mr. Nandshanker D Baxi delivered over and Mr. R R Shirgavkar received charge of the office of the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Surat, on the 23rd December.
Mr. Shambhu Abaji Sabne, Mahalkari of Malcolmpeth is nominated a member of the Taluka Local Board of Javli in the Satara District vice Mr. Sadashiv Appaji Vaidya, resigned.
Mr. Narayan Abaji Sabne, Head Karkun, is nominated a member of the Taluka Local Board of Valva in the Satara District vice Mr. Krishnaji Vishnu Joshi, deceased.
Mr. Shaikh Usman Mahamad Hussein is nominated a member of the Taluka Local Board of Nandgaon in the Nasik District vice Mr. Narayan Govind Patwardhan, transferred.
Mr Shriniwas Shesho Koimatore, Acting Mamlatdar, is appointed to be a nominated member of the Taluka Local Board of Kumta in the Kanara District vice Mr Ganapayya Lakshmikant Koppikar, resigned.
Mr Ramchandra Vishnu Bakre, B A, Mamlatdar, is appointed to be a nominated member of the Taluka Local Board of Haliyal in the Kanara District vice Mr Ramchandra Subrao Baindurkar, resigned on transfer.

DARING RAILWAY THEFTS.

Case Transferred to Calcutta.

KONDRUSKY STILL AT LARGE.

YESTERDAY, at the Esplanade Police Court, before Mr. Setalvad, Third Presidency Magistrate, Inspector Favel of the Criminal Investigation Department asked for a transfer, to the Court of the Chief Presidency Magistrate at Calcutta, of the case in which John Brownfelt, a European, is charged with having during the month of December last committed the theft, on a railway train between Bombay and Calcutta, of property belonging to Major-General Howkes. The property which comprised 3 pearl-buttons valued at Rs. 750, a diamond and pearl neck-tie pin valued at Rs. 300 and a gold seal belonging to Major-General Hawkes, who was travelling by the Jubbulpore Mail on the 9th ultimo, and who reported the loss of the property to the police at Khandwa.
The Magistrate ordered the accused to be forwarded with the property to the Court of the Chief Presidency Magistrate at Calcutta for trial there as the theft took place within the jurisdiction of the Calcutta Court and the complainant and some of the witnesses were at Calcutta.
No clue has yet been found of the whereabouts of Kondrusky, the Russian against whom also a charge of theft is pending and who on Sunday last escaped from the Esplanade Police Court lock-up.

IN the "International" Dr. Werner Sombart destroys the illusion of Germany as a nation exempt from the general rule of dwindling birth-rate which seems to attend modern, and especially European, civilisation. He says undoubtedly the German Empire is advancing in population from the nearly forty-one millions of inhabitants in 1870 to sixty-one million inhabitants in 1907. But this increase is due to the steady fall in the death-rate. The birth-rate has steadily declined. The average for the ten years 1871 to

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SURVEY OPERATIONS IN INDIA.

THE record of the operations of the Survey of India is embodied in a report of some fifty pages, embellished with a large number of maps and sketches and a half-tone-block reproducing a view of the Kabul River. It is not quite dry as dust, though this is one of the reports which suffered most by the operation of Lord Curzon's razor. We have none of the graphic descriptions we used to have of the exciting experiences of Survey parties during their wonderings, the report being now restricted to a simple record of work done. It appears that during the past year considerable progress was made in the re-organisation of the Department and it is expected that final orders will shortly issue. Meanwhile surveys and mapping have been started on the lines recommended by the Committee and a large number of maps should be published during the year. It is explained that owing to the great difficulty in selecting symbols suitable for the whole of India and its adjacent countries and to the changes in the type used for the lettering necessitated by the new system of drawing all maps for reduction instead of reproduction, it cannot be expected that every map on any scale will be exactly similar with regard to such details, but every endeavour is being made to have them as nearly so as possible and such as are not in accordance with the latest orders will be published as preliminary editions and replaced as opportunity offers. Each party, it seems, prepares its own maps during the recess season by the agency of its field surveyors and that the parties are working in all parts of the country and under almost inconceivably different conditions and while changes so material as the present are being introduced, it is not to be expected that all will interpret details in exactly the same way. The concentration of parties into groups under Superintendents will, however, greatly facilitate matters in future. The work on the whole has been very satisfactory and though the changes have thrown a great deal of troublesome and tedious work on the Headquarters Drawing and Photo-lithographic offices good progress has been made. During the coming year it is anticipated that the Department will suffer considerably owing to the absence on furlough of many of its senior officers, but they can be better spared now while the details of reorganisation are being worked out than they could be later and it will gain on their return by having their services available for a long period during which they will carry into effect the new arrangements and set them on a sound and permanent footing.

Concerning the outturn of work at headquarters we learn that it has been of a more or less unsatisfactory nature, owing to the changes necessitated by the recommendations of the late Survey Committee. Owing to alterations in dimensions and style and to change of symbols used on the departmental maps, most of the sheets sent in by the parties during the year have been submitted in a more or less irregular style, necessitating their revision in the headquarters office at the expense of its legitimate work. Many preliminary specimens, involving much labour, had to be prepared and little new mapping was undertaken, but it is hoped things are now approaching finality. Work on the old form of the Indian Atlas has been suspended and the publication of general maps of India is still in abeyance. Then again, we learn, that owing to unavoidable circumstances the new one-inch to 32 mile map, which at its inception was expected to be available in three years at most, is, at the end of six years, still unpublished and the Department is in the curious position of not having any general maps of India available for use, the stock of old maps having been exhausted. The record of the work of the out-door parties forms more interesting reading and from it we may gather the difficulties and dangers surveys have to contend with even when working among well disposed people. In Upper Burma the Arakan-Yoma range of hills occupied the greater part of the area of which new survey was done. It proved to be a very unhealthy tract and several members of the party suffered severely in consequence. The hills ran to a height of 6,550 feet above sea-level. About three thousand feet they were covered with dense tree forest and below that level with bamboo jungle and in all parts they were sparsely inhabited, the western slopes entirely so. The cultivated area which came under supplementary survey was open and easy but absolutely devoid of water during the dry season except in the immediate vicinity of the Irrawaddy River. In the Shan States another party reports that in the longest of the Southern Shan States the valley in which the town of Kengtung is situated contains hundreds of villages and the surrounding hills are bare and open having been utterly denuded of trees by the inhabitants. The country surveyed is exceedingly mountainous and intricate, the rolling downs, so characteristic of the Western States, are not met with, there one steep mountain range succeeds another, divided by narrow valleys. The general direction of the valleys is north and south, some of the rivers flowing to the north and some to the south with their basins dovetailed together in a most intricate manner. The lower slopes of the valleys are of confused contour and thickly wooded, as also the summits and western slopes of the main range. Communications are good, the country being well provided with roads, mule-tracks and foot-paths and fairly well populated. Two tribes, the Kaws and Muhsos, unlike the Shans, were a great assistance to the Survey and willingly furnished labour for transport and clearing purposes.

In the North-West Frontier Province the country surveyed was of a very varied nature and included portions of the flat and highly cultivated plains of Peshawar and its adjoining rugged hills. These hills rising to nearly seven thousand feet in height, are similar to those generally met with on the North-West Frontier and consist of bold rocky spurs sparsely covered with scrub jungle and broken up by innumerable stony nullahs and dry ravines, knife-edged ridges rising to sharp peaks are common and on these in February, the snow line is as low as the five thousand feet level. The cost of the survey was high in the one survey owing to the prevalence of malaria among the party and in the other to the strength and number of the guards attached to the Surveyors. In the record of the work of the Forest Surveys we find the work of one party interrupted by the outbreak of cholera and of another the season's work narrowly escaped being lost through a wild elephant having, in the course of an attack on the surveyor, stepped on his plane table. In Ganjam and North Malabar the parties suffered much from fever which occasioned much loss of time. Then they experienced great difficulty in securing a sufficiency of labour. In North Malabar their difficulty assumed an acute phase and in spite of the assistance of the Civil Officer of the District, work was often at a standstill owing to want of men. The combined operations in the 24-Parganas, Sundarbans, are shown to have involved exceptional trouble and anxiety. At the outset, 366 "khalasis" absconded as they refused to live in boats and to work in the dense forest and jungle Arrangements were then made for recruiting men at Calcutta, Gonda and Arrah, and it was not for some time that work was fairly started. The whole of the area traversed and topographically surveyed was a network of rivers and creeks covered with dense impenetrable jungle. The system of zig-zag traversing of rivers, streams and creeks was again adopted this season with complete success. There are 3,571 theodolite stations marked with 393 galvanized iron cylinders, 294 trunks of trees cut off at the required height, and 2,884 pegs, In addition cross sticks painted white were fixed over the stations for easy identification by the detail surveyors. A steam launch, a barge, and eighty country boats were hired for the establishment to live in, and for the supply of fresh water and food, which had to be obtained from Calcutta and Canning Town. Great difficulty was experienced throughout the season in keeping the men from absconding, owing to their being compelled to live in boats, and from their fear of being carried off by tigers.

THE LEMIEUX MISSION. It cannot be said that Mr. Lemieux will be helped in his work at Tokio by Sir Wilfrid Laurier's statement of his views on the relations of Canada and Japan. The Japanese Government, he said, had, he believed, acted in good faith but they had evaded an understanding regarding restricted immigration. The statement is somewhat contradictory and can only be translated by the Japanese as meaning that they have not acted in good faith. Mr. Lemieux has spent some time in Tokio and there are now better hopes that a reasonable settlement may be reached. Before leaving Montreal he described his mission as "One of the happiest omens of the dawning fraternity of nations, that one of the youngest and most democratic of these nations should thus, with frankness and confidence, and under the protecting ægis of the mighty Empire to which we proudly belong, approach one of the oldest and most distinguished of peoples, so that the two may quietly take counsel together as to the policy that is best suited to the joint interests of both." This, Mr. Lemieux concluded "is the spirit in which I start upon the mission entrusted to me." At the end of his voyage across the Pacific the Commissioner has been made the centre of a round of complimentary entertainments, in which the Emperor of Japan acted as direct instigator, although for reasons of health he could not actually participate. Thus the negotiations began in a spirit of conciliation which is far from the passions of last September, from the fierce denunciations of the Vancouver populace and the curt attitude of the Japanese Press. Reuter now tells us that no dissensions occurred in the negotiations anent Emigration. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, it will be remembered, said the remedy in this matter was legislation by Japan, not by Canada. In September last he made another notable announcement on the subject of Japanese relation declaring that Canada is only now beginning to reap the benefit of the Japanese Treaty and that to denounce it would be an act of panic, and this view has been fully endorsed by the Canadian Manufacturers Association. On the Japanese side, however great may be the popular desire towards the now ripening fruits of the lands across the Pacific, the Government can hardly desire to quarrel with its neighbours on the question of an outlet for any surplus population which can, for several years at least, be utilized in building up the home islands after the exhaustion of the late war, or for the colonization and development of Korea. Broadly speaking the argument thus resolves itself into a contest, on the one side, between labour and capital, on the other between the needs of Empire and the needs of daily existence. Life is hard on the working classes in Japan ; it is decidedly not easy for those of either Canada or British Columbia. But whereas the Japanese Government is usually successful in imposing its wishes upon the people, the results of any severe conflict of opinion between rulers and ruled in the Dominion would probably be exactly the opposite : and the prosperity now dawning upon Canada, after years of unrequited labour, has naturally served to intensify the popular determination that it shall be a white man's country. Unless Mr. Lemieux is able to extract from the Japanese Government some solid satisfaction in a matter upon which a majority of his countrymen feel with intense acuteness, it is hardly imaginable that the Dominion Government will be able to avoid the unwelcome task of outdoing the example of Australia and repudiating the Anglo-Japanese Treaty. The possibility of this, however, seems to have been realised and it is to be hoped that the whole matter will now be definitely and happily settled and that the unpleasantness of the last few months will be forgotten in the curbing of those interested parties who have been avoiding the subject of restricted emigration. Exactly who those parties may be is not clear, but no doubt Mr. Lemieux was well informed on the point before his departure from Montreal.

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO. When the Charter was granted to the British North Borneo Company in 1881, although the country was undoubtedly possessed of considerable natural recourses, it hardly gave promise of the prosperity which has come in the last twenty-six years. There were many difficulties in the way of making a success of the country. Piracy of a particularly bad character was rampant on the coast. No small degree of the prosperity of North Borneo is due to the elastic system of Government. In 1888 Brunei and Sarawak came under the protection of the Imperial Government and the Chartered Company readily surrendered its diplomatic rights in exchange for the same protection. It was then arranged that the Governor and district officers should be selected by the Company subject only to the approval of the Colonial Office. The functions of these officials are at once administrative and commercial and by an extension of the responsibilities of Government to paid headmen of villages of the interior it is possible for North Borneo to be policed by a small native constabulary of six hundred men under European Officers. Within recent years, as Mr. Corrie claimed at the recent banquet in London, great progress has been made in all departments of commerce in the territory and the revenue has steadily increased. In 1901 it was six hundred and fifty thousand dollars and in 1905 it had risen to nine hundred and ninety-three thousand dollars. It is to the disadvantage of North Borneo, whose most obvious products have hitherto been purely agricultural, that so much of the Company's territory is exceedingly mountainous, the interior consisting almost entirely of highlands, diversified, however, by large valleys and plateaux which are gradually being regained for cultivation. On the western side of the island in particular the mountain ranges grouped about the tremendous peak of Kinabalu, the "Chinese Widow," approach the sea so nearly that the numerous streams which water the intervening strip of land, some fifteen to twenty-five miles in width, are too rapid and rock-bestrewn to be navigable by anything but small boats and for a trivial part of their length. In compensation there is an abundance of good, natural harbours, as, for instance, Gaya Bay on the west, Kudat in the north and particularly Darvel Bay and Sandakan (the seat of the capital) on the east and north-east coasts. More than this, the mountains are largely responsible for the temperate nature of what is really a tropical climate, while their mineral properties as yet have only begun to be exploited. Gold and iron ore have been found and there are traces of copper, antimony and zinc. Mr. Corrie looks forward to the time when North Borneo is destined to become a great coaling centre. How far this is justified it is hard to see at present, but undoubtedly rich coal mines exist in the south-east of the territory near Corrie and the coal is of excellent quality. A forward policy of opening up the country is maintained and with increased imports British North Borneo may easily become a very important commercial centre in the growing Pacific trade.

THE P. and O. Company's s. s. "Oriental" with the homeward mails of the 28th ultimo arrived at Aden at 9 p.m. on Wednesday the 1st January.

THE P. and O. Company's s. s. "Britannia" with the outward mails of the 27th ultimo left Suez at 6 a. m. yesterday.

DURING the week ending December 31, two and a half chests of opium were removed from warehouse in Bombay and sold to the farmer at Poona. There were no importations.

THE London correspondent of the "Ceylon Observer" telegraphed on the 26th of December that Mr. H. C. Rawlinson, B. A., (Cantab), late of the Royal College, Colombo, has been appointed Professor of English Literature at the Deccan College, Poona.

IT is currently reported in usually well-informed circles, says the "Ceylon Observer," that the remaining penny of war-duty on tea is certain to be taken off by Mr. Asquith in the coming Budget. This will mean another special impetus to the consumption of tea in the United Kingdom.

LAST year there was an extraordinary increase in the imports into India of Java sugar, but the latest figures are still more amazing. For the eight months ending the 30th November Java sent 224,700 tons to this country as against 134,500 in the similar period of 1906. The next largest importer was Mauritius with 80,000 tons, and the third Austria-Hungary with 21,000 tons. Germany's share in the trade dropped to 2,300 tons as compared with 82,900 in 1906.

IN A. G. O. the Mysore Government remark :—"As it is of primary importance that a special survey of the existing sources of drinking water in the different Municipalities and villages should be made, as also the needs and relative urgency for fresh or additional supply should be ascertained in each District, as suggested by the Sanitary Commissioner, the Presidents of the Municipal, District and Taluq Boards are requested to take needful steps in the matter under the instructions of the Sanitary Commissioner, the Municipal towns and Unions being first taken up and the villages subsequently. Periodical returns of the survey work should be furnished to the Sanitary Commissioner and a suitable programme of work based on these returns prepared and submitted to Government, as the allotment of funds for works will depend upon this programme."

THE total number of deaths registered in Bombay during the week ending Dec. 31 was 699, giving a death-rate of 35·01 per annum per thousand as against 34·08 the corresponding period of last year, and 43·75 the average over the past five years. Of the total number, 68 died from fevers ; 6, plague ; 7, small-pox ; 8, measles ; 2, cholera ; 1, leprosy ; 44, phthisis ; 27, diseases of the nervous system ; 216, affections of the respiratory organs ; 44, diarrhœa ; 21, dysentery ; 30 still-born ; 100, old age and debility ; 12, accidents and violence. The classified list of deaths shows :—Jain, 16 ; Brahmin, 19 ; Lingaet, 4 ; Bhattia, 6 ; Hindu of other castes, 326 ; Hindu low caste, 87 ; Musalman, 152 ; Parsee, 19 ; Jew, 2 ; Native Christian, 22 ; Eurasian 2 ; European, 3 ; other and unknown caste, 1. The total number of births was 446 as against 408 the corresponding period of last year, and 407 the average over the past five years.

IN a recent Consular Report a very interesting account is given by Mr. H. D. Pierce, the American Minister at Christiania, of the working of the plant established at Nottoden, in Norway, for the production of nitrate salts by the oxidation of the free nitrogen in the air by the Birkland-Eyde process. When Mr. Pierce visited the works, the entire plant was not yet in operation, but nitrate of lime and soda were being manufactured on a scale of about 1,000 tons a year, and the commercial success of the process had been so far demonstrated that a new and larger plant was being installed which would be capable of producing 20,000 tons of basic nitrate of lime per annum. The output, it is said, finds a ready market, especially in Germany, as a fertiliser, and the Company, which, by the way, is largely financed by French capital is projecting further works, with a plant of 250,000 horse power. Of course, the possibility of obtaining nitrogen from the air by means of high power electric discharges was demonstrated many years ago, but this is practically the first time it has been attempted on a commercial scale, and if the method prove a success it must have important results.

WOMEN'S INTERESTS.

TOY TEAS.

A Millinery Revolution.

(FROM OUR LADY CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, DECEMBER 13.

FORTUNATELY the mourning into which the Court is plunged owing to the death of the venerable King of Sweden will not have a serious effect on trade.

There are no great social events arranged for the next few weeks and so far as the Royal family goes the festive season is always the occasion of family re-unions. Court mourning will therefore in no way interfere with the preparations for Christmas at Sandringham and the little railway station will as usual be almost lost to view under the weight of packages containing presents for the King and Queen. The European Rulers always exchange gifts at Christmas time and among the parcels which reach Sandringham are presents from all the Sovereigns of Europe.

Long before next year's Courts, the Court will be out of mourning and this is well, for when it has been necessary for the Court to go into mourning at the beginning of the London season it has spelt disaster and ruin to West End trade. The season before last, it will be remembered, the death of Queen Alexandra's father necessitated the Queen's absence from the Courts which were consequently shorn of much of their glory.

CHRISTMAS AT THE HOTELS.

The hotel Christmas is a great institution now-a-days, but I confess I was a little surprised when the manager of the Carlton told me a few days ago that six hundred people had already engaged tables for Christmas Eve dinner. Six hundred people who prefer the joys of an hotel dinner—a perfect dinner amid delightful surroundings it is true—to the family gathering at home.

The famous Palm Court at the Carlton will be carpeted with imitation snow glittering with frost crystals. Snow-laden fir trees brilliantly illuminated with electric lights will form miniature forests and there will be snow-covered cottages and a village inn. The largest tree of all, the Christmas tree, will rise to the very dome of the Palm Court and from every branch will hang a Christmas present. These gifts will be presented to the children by two snow maidens. So popular are these Christmas revels with the little ones that there is not a table to be had for tea, dinner or supper on Christmas Eve.

TOY TEAS.

The toy tea at the Criterion to-day was an immensely popular function with young America. New editions of Buster Brown and little girls with big butterfly bows in their hair drove up to the toy tea given by the American women in London by the hundred, and the passport of every child to the festivities within was a toy. Teddy bears, dolls of all degrees, diabolists, miniature taxi-cabs, motor buses and London County Council electric cars were among the trophies presented to the hostesses. The little ones many of whom were in fancy dress, had a splendid time and when all the fun was over the toys were packed up and despatched as a Christmas present to the Nest, which is the children's wing of the Salvation Army. Other Toy Teas are in prospect and there is every likelihood of the idea, which is an American one, being taken up this season, for not only do the little guests enjoy the Toy Tea themselves but at the same time they are taught the joy of giving pleasure to others.

A NOVEL CHRISTMAS PRESENT.

The samovar, without which no Russian household is complete, is the very latest idea for a Christmas present. The samovar is of course very nearly related to our own tea urn. There are however very essential differences in the internal arrangements. There is quite a run on samovars as Christmas presents and they are said to be most useful for large receptions and "at homes." Whether the demand created the supply or the supply the demand is not quite clear, but quite a number of samovars have been imported from Moscow by philanthropic ladies and these are now being sold in London for the benefit of the Russian refugees in Siberia. These ladies, who are well known Society women, have also introduced a quantity of Russian toys and jewellery, and quaint carved animals and automatic figures that are strangely unfamiliar will find their way into many little stockings on Christmas morning.

A MILLINERY REVOLUTION.

Women have at last rebelled against the down-in-the-back hat and the reign of the exaggerated hat worn at the back of the head and sometimes even resting on the shoulders is over. West End Milliners are still showing these hats in their windows, but women of good taste are refusing to wear them. The inconvenience of this form of hat was very great. To be caricatured in the comic papers was a minor worry, but the necessity of weighing down the head with quantities of artificial hair to fill in the space between the exaggerated brim and the shoulders became irksome. It is the doctors, however, who have struck the fatal blow at this form of headgear. Headaches of all kinds and nervous affections have resulted, so the medical men say, from wearing a heavy hat with many plumes on the extreme back of the head. Worse than this the back titled hat has engendered hunched up shoulders, and a fretful expression, for it is no easy thing to keep a hat balanced on the back of the head. Now however we are to return to the sensible fashion of wearing our hats on our heads.

END OF THE KAISER'S HOLIDAY.

After more than a month's stay in England the Kaiser left on Wednesday for home. In his parting message our guest declared that he had greatly enjoyed his visit to England, and that he had benefited much from the change of air and scenery and indeed his sojourn at the castle by the sea at Bournemouth has made him look a different man from the monarch overburdened by affairs who landed here four weeks ago. The prompt development of Highcliffe as a fashionable seaside resort will in all probability be the immediate result of the Kaiser's testimony to its health giving breezes.

The Kaiser's last day or two in London were spent in sightseeing. Perhaps the most interesting visit he made was to the show rooms of a celebrated West End firm of furnishers. Here, as indeed everywhere else, the minuteness of the Emperor's knowledge was a revelation to those who heard his keen and pointed inquiries. He asked the price of everything and the rooms in which were an exhibition of the way a house could be entirely furnished, from an egg cup to a sideboard, for £200 delighted him especially.

"That is 4,000 marks" he said turning quickly to his suite and then went on to approve of the arrangements of the rooms, and said that the idea of a complete demonstration must be a great help to people who would otherwise buy their things piecemeal, in all kinds of styles. Rooms showing how a house could be furnished for £100 also pleased him much and the members of his suite were greatly diverted at his remark "I am not sure whether I would not like one of your £100 houses myself!"

SHADOWING KING ALFONSO.

However sorry we are to lose our Royal guests Scotland Yard breathed more freely when the Kaiser and King Alfonso were safely out of the country. Never for a moment did they relax their vigilance and on the occasion of more than one banquet and festive gathering there were detectives present disguised as waiters. The Kaiser takes these precautions as a matter of course and although he freely walked abroad in the country lanes at Highcliffe—England is of course the safest country in the world for a crowned head—he never did anything reckless. It was King Alfonso who proved a handful to the expert detectives who had been told off to guard his Spanish Majesty. King Alfonso despises anything in the nature of a time sheet and the programme of the day's arrangements was always subjected to the whims of the moment. When he was supposed to be motoring in the Park he would suddenly emerge from one of the lifts of the many tube railways and rejoin his car at a given point. He had quite an affection for the tubes in fact and many people who traced a striking likeness between a dark-eyed, black browed Spanish youth sitting opposite to them in a railway carriage and the much photographed King of Spain never guessed for one moment that the young man who seemed to be so keenly enjoying himself was really King Alfonso who had once again eluded the detectives.

IRELAND UNDER MR. BIRRELL.

Attempts are being made in various quarters to induce the British public to believe that the condition of Ireland is very different from what it really is, writes the Right Hon. Walter H. Long, M.P., Ex-Chief Secretary for Ireland, Mr. Redmond tells us that there is much less crime in Ireland than in England or Scotland, and threatens to have every crime committed in these countries of a serious character brought up in Parliament.

Nobody has ever denied that there is less crime of the character to which his remarks refer in Ireland than in other parts of the United Kingdom. What is asserted, and what is undoubtedly the fact is that crimes are committed in Ireland from time to time, occasionally of the most brutal character, which are not the result of violent outbursts of temper or the acts of brutalised men and women, the victims of drink, but are deliberately planned and perpetrated in order to terrorise the people against whom they are aimed.

Most people will remember the awful and melancholy times in the 'eighties, when crimes against the person were directed against the landlords class the object then being to terrorize the landlords and bring them to a state of subjection ; now, the landlords being practically disposed of by the land purchase schemes, this system of terrorism is directed against another class. For the present it is the grazier who is to be terrorised and exterminated.

It is not necessary to dwell upon the character of the crime committed in order to emphasise the serious character of what is going on. No country can be prosperous and happy if the law of the land is allowed to fall into abeyance. We are told that cattle raiding is not a serious offence, very little harm is done to the cattle, that they are not stolen and that they come back to their owner practically uninjured. This certainly is not the case in those raids where cattle are driven many miles at night and left to roam about the country. Anybody who knows anything of farming must realise that cattle exposed to this treatment cannot escape injury, even though they may subsequently recover from it. But this is not the question. The question really is : Are the people to be allowed to drive the cattle wherever they like, or commit other offences of a similar character, as part of a deliberate policy directed to the extinction of the grazier and the subsequent possession of the land by themselves ?

At present, the only law which obtains in parts of Ireland is the law of the League. There have been innumerable instances where men have broken the rules of the League, have been summoned before a local court, tried as if they were in a court of justice, and sentenced ; and in many cases these men, afraid of the consequences to themselves their families, and property, have at once surrendered and promised that the thing shall never happen again. It is intolerable that a state of things like this should exist in a civilised country ; and it, of course, means that the people—even the better-class people—feel that they cannot be expected to resist pressure which is so terrible in its force, and which can only be successfully resisted by the aid of the Government and the whole force of the law.

Nobody wishes to prosecute members of Parliament, or to put them in prison ; but if members of Parliament choose to preach a policy which is, by their own admissions, one of lawlessness, why in the name of justice are they to be allowed to go scot free while those who act upon their advice and follow their leading and do the things which the only talk about—why are these people, their victims, to be prosecuted and punished while the real authors of the crimes are not only let go free, but continue to act as leaders of the people ?

What can be the general effect produced in a district inhabited by people who are poor, partially educated, and very easily led, if it be known that because a man is a member of Parliament he can say anything he likes and go free, but if the people who listen to him translate his words into actions they are to be prosecuted and punished ? There can be but one result of a policy like this—namely, an entire failure on the part of the people to have any respect for the law of the land.

Is the Government in Ireland using the full force of the law to put down crimes of this kind ? Are the police backed up in the performance of their duties ? Are they told plainly and distinctly that they must stop crimes and outrage, and that so long as they do their duty properly they will be backed by the Government ? In other words, is every effort made to combat a conspiracy against society which, if it succeeds, must cause Ireland much more suffering than she has to bear at the present moment ? The answer must be in the negative.

There is no evidence that the Government have made any real effort at all. The prosecutions which have recently taken place have almost all of them broken down. Why ? Because, as I have already said, the men who tried them—the juries—argue in their own minds that the Government cannot be in earnest if they prosecute the poor lads who appear in the dock and allow the real authors to go unpunished.

At present, apparently, people on the English side of the Channel are not by any means alive to what is going on, and they are inclined to accept Mr. Redmond's statements as being accurate. Unless the wake up from the dream in which they are now indulging they will find the condition of Ireland will soon become so grave that they must realise it : they will find that much of the money which has been spent in the attempt to improve that condition will be wasted ; they will have no begin all over again, first, to restore order, and then, when that is accomplished, to begin the regeneration of the country.

It must be remembered that the present lawless condition of things affects the middle and lower classes much more than it does the upper classes. Many of the upper classes can afford to protect themselves to a large extent ; they can leave the country and live elsewhere : but the middle and lower classes have no such alternative unless it be in that very emigration which the Nationalist Party are always denouncing as being the chief curse of Ireland.

This Government is pledged not to deal with Home Rule, but they are deliberately, and with their eyes open, doing their best to lay the foundations for Home Rule by surrendering into the hands of the Nationalists all public control in Ireland. Is this fair ? Is it honest ? It is to be hoped that the Press, undeterred by Mr. Redmond threats, will do its best to rouse the country to a true appreciation of what is going on, in order that before it is too late proper measures may be employed and Ireland once again restored to the condition of peace in which it was when the Unionist Government left office—a condition testified to both by Mr. Bryce and Mr. Birrell. If this is to be achieved, it can only be secured in one way—viz., by a firm and impartial administration of the law and a generous treatment of social difficulties.

The article in the "Daily Mail" of December 6 will have been read with profound gratitude by everybody who loves Ireland and who desires to see her properly and wisely governed. It is most certainly necessary that the Estates Commissioners should refuse to buy land which becomes vacant owing to agitation and lawlessness. If the people find that they can get the land they want by methods of this kind they will not be slow to use them ; and the Government ought to use the powers which they possess under the Land Act of 1903 to prevent any purchase by the Commissioner where the land has not come honestly and properly into the market.

As one reads the accounts of what is going on in Ireland at the present moment one cannot but feel profoundly sorry for the unfortunate people who are the dupes of leaders who openly preach lawlessness, and the victims of a Government afraid to administer the law.

When we read the language used by the law officers of the Crown in prosecuting people for cattle driving—language such as this : "A worse condition of things than was to be met with among the savages of West Africa—nothing more or less than mob law"—we are inclined to ask ourselves in amazement why the Crimes Act is not at once put in force. It is absurd to talk about dealing with these cases by ordinary methods when we find that the Government themselves are bringing men up before a resident magistrate under powers which, I believe, are derived from a Statute of Edward III. which is a much more serious evasion of the rights of the people than to try them under an Act of Queen Victoria which provides ample machinery alike for the protection of the accused and for their trial. One is forced to the conclusion that the whole thing is a farce, a farce for which the Government themselves are directly responsible ; but I fear that until the people of England fully realise what is being done in their name in Ireland the present state of things will continue.

LORD CURZON AND THE LORDS.

A NEW DEPARTURE.

Question of Eligibility.

CURIOUS POINT RAISED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, JANUARY 2.

Mr. J. G. Swift Macneil, Member for South Donegal, writes to the papers pointing out that the election of Lord Curzon would be an absolutely new departure, every Representative Irish peer, since the Union having been the head of a family established in Ireland for generations. Lord Curzon will succeed his father in a few years, but as the Irish peers are elected for life, the election of Lord Curzon would deprive Ireland of a Representative during the whole of Lord Curzon's lifetime.

Lord Curzon, the letter goes on to say, had never established his right to vote in the election of Irish peers; and consequently had not received a writ for the present election and he himself was legally ineligible. Finally the peers proposing Lord Curzon were holders of hereditary seats and not merely peers of Ireland.

The only reference to Lord Curzon's complaint mentions that Lord Clive asked for a British peerage and was refused.

Lord Curzon writes to a correspondent that though he cannot vote because he has not fulfilled a technical formality the highest authorities have assured him that the fact does not affect his eligibility.

INDIANS IN THE TRANSVAAL.

Mass Meeting at Johannesburg.

DEFIANCE OF THE LAW.

LONDON, JANUARY 2.

A mass meeting of two thousand Indians was held at Johannesburg yesterday evening and other towns were represented.

The Chairman declared all were prepared to suffer the penalty rather than submit to the Law.

A Resolution was then adopted declaring the Imperial Government had surrendered its right and duty to protect them.

The arrests were intended to test the real sentiments of the Indians and he hoped therefore that all Indians would adhere to the oath not to submit to the Law.

LATER.

Sir R. Solomon, in an interview by the "Morning Post," in order to remove misapprehensions, reviews the origin of the necessity of anti-Asiatic legislation and points out that the present Government did not initiate the registration of Natives.

There was no intention of humiliating and oppressing Indians. It would be illegal to issue licenses to unregistered Natives and impossible not to prosecute unlicensed traders.

It is easnestly to be hoped, therefore, that a way will be found of amending the regulations under the Act so as to remove the objections in connection with registration. If Indians only see that no insult was intended, but only a prevention of evasions, the difficulty may be overcome. The Restriction Act was simply a continuance of the last six years' policy and does not create a new grievance. The power to deport was the necessary consequence of the power to order to quit.

The "Times" hopes that the delay in the arrests is due to the counsels of moderation from the Imperial Government.

INDIANS IN ENGLAND.

Advised to Keep from Evil Ways.

LONDON, JANUARY 2.

A letter appearing in the "Times" emphasizes the necessity of proper housing of Indian students in London for the purpose of providing them with board and respecting their prejudices and habits and preventing them from drifting into undesirable society, and of assuring supervision lest they fall into the hands of seditionists.

THE AMERICAN CRISIS.

Bank and Trust Company Legislation.

SUGGESTION OF GREATER PUBLICITY.

LONDON, JANUARY 1.

The Governor of New York State, in his annual message to the Legislature, recommends that whatever restrictions are advisable in the case of Banks should equally apply to Trust Companies.

A report by the Superintendent of the Banks recommend fixed reserves and a weekly banking statement.

LONDON, JANUARY 1.

Receivers have been appointed to the Chicago and Milwaukee Electric Railway Company, allied concerns, with a capital of thirty million dollars.

THE BANK RATE.

Fixed at 6 per cent.

LONDON, JANUARY 2

The Bank rate is fixed at six per cent.

BRITISH EXPEDITION TO THE ANTARCTIC.

LONDON, JANUARY 2,

The British Antarctic Expedition, under Lieutenant Shackleton, has left Lyttelton yesterday at noon for the Antarctic.

AUSTRALIAN CRICKET.

LONDON, JANUARY 2.

Australia has made 266 and the Marylebone Team 184 made 246 for three wickets, Hobbs made 83 and Hutchings made 117 unfinished.

RUGBY FOOTBALL IN PARIS.

England Wins Easily.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, JANUARY 1.

England has beaten a representative French Team at Rugby Football in Paris by 19 points to nothing.

THE FRENCH TEAM.

On December 10, a Paris sportsman wrote:—

"As a result of the trial match between teams representing the North and South of France at Bordeaux on Sunday, the XV. to play England in Paris on New Year's Day has been selected. The side is as follows:—

Full back: Isaac (Racing Club de France).

Three-quarter-backs: Lane (Racing Club de France). Lebrun (Sporting Club Universitaire de France). Leuvielle (Stade Bordelais Universite Club), and Bruneau (Stade Bordelais Universite Club).

Half-backs: Maysonnie (Stade Olympien de Toulouse) and Laccassagne (Stade Bordelais Universite Club).

Forwards: Dufoureq (Stade Bordelais Universite, Club), Branlat (Stade Bordelais Universite Club) Giaccardy (Stade Bordelais Universite Club), Jabriguiber (Stade Bordelais Universite Club), Communeau (Stade Francais), Borchard (Racing Club de France), Mauriat (Football Club de Lyon), and Mallman (Racing Club de France).

Few will find fault with the above selection, which represents the first sincere attempt to bring together a French international team on experimental lines. Every man in the forward line is worthy of his place, and though one might point to several players whose claims must have been considered, there are none better than the eight chosen.

It will be noticed, despite the fact that Sunday's trial resulted in a draw, the Selection Committee have not overlooked the claims of the champions, who had ten representatives on the South Side. Of this number, no fewer than seven have been chosen to meet England, and the Bordeaux complaint of unjust neglect is hushed before such impartiality.

Dufoureq, Branlat, Giaccardy, and Jabriguiber could not have been overlooked. They are undoubtedly the best in the front line of the Stade Bordelais Universite Club, which is the strongest in the country. Of the other four, Communeau, of the Stade Francais, and Mauriat, of the Football Club de Lyon, are sound, consistent players—probably, with Laccassagne, the three greatest individualist of the team. They both showed up conspicuously on Sunday, and scored the two tries of the match. Communeau for the North and Mauriat for the South. The latter, however, was in grand form, and was the best forward on the field. It is extremely doubtful whether England can get a stronger eight against these.

Bordeaux is again represented in the halves by the great Laccassagne. The honour is not new to him, as he has played in nearly all previous international matches. He learnt his football in Liverpool, and has shrewder notions as to what he ought to do than any other half-back in France. At the same time, he is full of resource and dash, and quick to make and seize upon an opening and turn it to advantage.

Maysonnie of Toulouse, is a younger player, and finds himself a candidate for international honours for the first time. He justified the choice of the Committee on Sunday by playing one of the finest games ever seen at Bordeaux.

Against England, however, the French halves and three-quarters will have to bear the brunt of the battle, and excellent players though Laccassagne and Maysonnie undoubtedly are, it is still questionable whether they are equal to the deeper science of the game possessed by their opponents.

Probably when the game against England has been played, as in the past it will be found that the French halves and three-quarters will be subject to most criticism. Three-quarter play among the Northern clubs is a crude representation of the English article. It seeks to run on the same lines—and, in fact, does so with some success—seeking the same formation and passing methods, but it strives to imitate mechanically, and, through errors of judgment, in eight cases out of ten the ball is lost.

Then, again, although individually they may be speedy, the French four always lack pace in their combined work, while there is a marked absence of variation about their play. As to the Bordeaux three-quarters, they play too much with their feet. In fact, whoever has watched them closely cannot but have remarked that, save for the full-back, the whole team plays a forward game. It will be interesting to see how the Parisians, Lane and Lebrun, will work with Leuvielle and Bruneau, of Bordeaux.

The choice of Isaac at full-back will give satisfaction to Parisians. Whether he is a better man than Martin in that position is a very moot point. On the occasion of the last visit of the Stade Bordelais to Paris, when they met the Racing Club de France, Martin was certainly the better of the two. He is stronger built than the little Parisian and kicks harder. He was not a success in the match against England at Richmond last season, but he was not in his right place among the "threes." Martin is a full back.

Still, Isaac is an excellent back. He is extremely nippy, and can do some remarkable things at close quarters. He has had plenty of experience to boot, and as he has always acquitted himself creditably on great occasions so far, he may be relied upon to maintain his good reputation.

Before the great match is played, however, the above fifteen may be modified." On December 22, the International team will meet a Rest of France side in Paris. The fifteen has also been selected, and it is as appended:—

REST OF FRANCE.

Full-back: Martin (S.B.U.C.).

Three-quarter-backs: Lesieur (S.F.), Sagot (S.F.), Dedet (S.F.), and Vareille (S.F.).

Half-backs: Huber (A.S.F.), and Varvier (R.C.F.)

Forwards: Beaurin (S.F.), Guillemin (R.C.F.), Bonhomme (F.C.L.), Gibert. Moure (S.C.U.F.), Masse (S.B.U.C.), and Duval (S.F.), Hourdelaight (S.B.U.C.).

GAS EXPLOSION AND FIRE IN THE CITY.

Gunsmiths Wrecked.

THREE FATALITIES FEARED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, JANUARY 1.

A gas explosion has occurred in the Dyke Company's (a firm of gunsmiths) premises in Aldermanbury, City.

A fire broke out and spread to adjoining warehouses, the work girls escaping through the skylights.

The fire has been extinguished.

A body has been found in the cartridge store.

Two persons are missing.

FRANCE AND ALGERIA.

Mountain Passes Occupied

LONDON, JANUARY 1.

General Lyantey telegraphs that he has effected a decisive sweeping movement by the various columns on the Algerian frontier and is occupying the mountain passes.

The tribesmen are surrendering and paying fines.

THE COTTON TRADE DISPUTE.

Another Mill Involved.

LONDON, JANUARY 2.

In view of the continued refusal of the employers to yield to the Cotton Operatives, a fourth mill has been added to the strike list.

VICTORIA MEMORIAL HALL.

THE VICEROY'S VIEWS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 2.

At the meeting of the Trustees the Viceroy said that the items on the Agenda Paper which dealt with Mr. Emerson's report and the accompanying papers and the question of the proper housing of exhibits were the crucial questions to be considered by the Trustees. Owing to the doubt which had arisen regarding the strength of the foundations and the result of the investigations made to test this question the Trustees found themselves in a very difficult position and they would have carefully to consider how to go on and whether indeed they could go on on the present site. His Excellency, for his own part sincerely hoped it would be found possible to carry out the design in which Lord Curzon had been so deeply interested and the foundation-stone of which had been laid by the Prince of Wales, but he had only received half an hour before meeting the second report of the Special Expert Committee, who had been asked to favour the Trustees with their views on Mr. Emerson's last report. The report of this Committee was highly technical and he thought it would be impossible to consider it at this meeting, but that another meeting should be held within a week when the Trustees would have had time to consider it fully. His Excellency added that the first report of the Expert Committee did not seem to him to be very decided in the views expressed therein; and he considered Lord Curzon to be perfectly justified in describing it as, on the whole, favourable to the present site.

Another question of great importance was that of the proper housing of the exhibits and His Excellency believed that all the Trustees would agree with him in fully sympathizing with Lord Curzon in his disappointment expressed by the latter at the partial dispersions of the collection. The Trustees had been put into a very difficult position by the action of Museum Trustees, who demanded that a large portion of the exhibition space should be given back to them at an early date. This action on their part made it necessary to return at once some of the loan collections and to find suitable housing space for the other exhibits in buildings where they would be properly looked after. His Excellency considered the Museum was the only suitable place for the exhibition of the collection and trusted that a way would be found to provide sufficient space there and to collect together again under one roof all those valuable and interesting objects which had necessarily but unfortunately been removed. His Excellency had only one more matter to mention and that was the great necessity of communicating to the press the proceedings of the Trustees on the extremely difficult position resulting from the question of the strength of the foundations. It had rendered unavoidable great delay in continuing the actual building and the public were entitled to know what steps the Trustees were taking to fulfil their duties. His Excellency knew that no charge of dilatoriness or supineness could be made against Trustees and that everything possible had been done to deal with the difficulties which at once arose when it was known that foundations showed signs of unequal subsidence. The public however was not aware of the steps that had been taken and the reports that had been received and it would not be unnatural in these circumstances if the Trustees should be accused of unnecessary delay. His Excellency trusted that further publicity would obviate any such feeling in future.

MUSEUM CONFERENCE AT CALCUTTA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 2.

A Conference of delegates from several Local Governments and States, has been sitting here during the past few days to discuss the question of the Museum organisation in India and a Standing Committee with Mr. T. H. Holland, F.R.S., as Chairman and Messrs. E. Thurston, (Madras) P. Brown (Lahore) and the Superintendent of the Natural History and Industrial Sections of the Indian Museum Calcutta, as members has been nominated to advise Local Governments and States on the subject. Further Conferences are to take place triennally.

THE SURAT CONGRESS.

District Magistrate's Telegram to Calcutta.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 2.

The following is the text of the telegram, dated Surat the 27th December 1907. From the District Magistrate to the Government of India, Home Department:—

"Indian National Congress Meeting to-day became disorderly. Blows being exchanged. President called on police to clear assembly rooms and grounds, which was done. Order now restored. No arrests. No one reported seriously hurt. No Further hurt anticipated.

CARRIAGE ACCIDENT TO MR. PRINCE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT,)

CAWNPORE, JANUARY 2.

Mr. Prince, Deputy Inspector General of Police, met with a nasty accident while driving on the Mall. His horse, it appears, bolted pitching him out of the cart. He was removed to the house of his brother Mr. A. C. Prince. The nature of his injuries is not yet ascertained though it is believed not to be serious.

KAID MACLEAN'S RELEASE.

Negotiations Completed.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, JANUARY 2.

A special telegram to the "Pioneer," dated London, January 1st, states that a letter has been received there from Sir Harry Maclean, indicating that the arrangements with Raisuli for his release have been completed.

FAMINE AND RECRUITING.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, JANUARY 2.

One effect of the scarcity, deepening into famine in the United Provinces and some districts of the Punjab has been to improve recruiting for the Indian Army. The area affected is so enormous that cultivators are numbered by the million, and from among these there are many young men who can help their families by enlisting. Recruits of good stamp are being obtained and the shortage of men with colours can be remedied if the authorities wish to raise regiments to their full strength.

THE CAWNPORE CIRCUIT HOUSE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CAWNPORE, JANUARY 2.

His Honour Sir John Hewett, arrived here last evening having motored in from Lucknow. The visit, it is understood, is unofficial, though presumably in connection with the acquisition by Government of Sir William Cooper's House, as Circuit House, which has been sanctioned subject to examination and approval by the Engineer.

THE INDIAN RAILWAY DISASTERS.

Need for Better Signalling System.

DOUBLING THE E. I. R.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, JANUARY 2.

The "Pioneer" says the terrible accident near Ludhowal must draw attention once more to the necessity of introducing modern methods in the working of trains on Indian Railways. The reform needed is the introduction of the electric tablet system which makes the actual collision of trains between stations practical a impossibility. This system is being rapidly introduced upon the East Indian line and the Railway Board should insist upon its general adoption. Its great merit is that of absolute simplicity and the percentage of error is reduced to a minimum. The apparatus required is not very costly and it will last an indefinite time.

The doubling of the East Indian line from Howrah upwards is steadily proceeding and within the current year there should be a double track between Howrah and Allahabad with only one short break upon it, but that most important one the bridge over the Jumna. With the rapidly increasing traffic the doubling of the metals across this bridge should soon be taken in hand. The piers were built for a double line and as the double line will probably be extended to Cawnpore and beyond it it is time the doubling of line over the bridge was begun.

THE ALLAHABAD HIGH COURT.

Mr. Karamat Hussain's Appointment.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, JANUARY 2.

The "Pioneer says that the announcement of the addition of another Judgship to the Allahabad High Court and the bestowal of the new appointment on a Mahomedan gentleman is news that will not take the public in the United Provinces in the least by surprise. It has been well known in fact for some months past that the Government of these Provinces had approached the Secretary of State through the Government of India for an additional Judgship; and it has also been conjectured on good grounds, that the choice would be confided on representative considerations, to the Mahomedan community. Anticipation on the subject has been so brisk that certain members of the Provincial Bar have been throwing themselves into uneasiness over the report that the Government were contemplating a selection outside the Province for which there was never the smallest foundation. Mr. Karamat Hussain, the New Judge, has been in practice at Allahabad for many years. He is known as a sound lawyer and something more. He has lectured in law at the Muir College and has also the reputation of being a good Arabic scholar. There is every reason to suppose that he will do credit to himself and to his community on the High Court Bench.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

BOMBAY BRIGADE ORDERS.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3.

Fort Field Officer, Lieutenant A. E. J. Connell McDowell, 116th Mahrattas; next for duty, Lieutenant R. M. Greig, attached 116th Mahrattas.

Colaba Field Officer, Major A. F. Pullen, R.G.A; next for duty, Major F. J. Duncan, D.S.O., 2nd Royal Scots.

Temporary leave of absence for ten days, from the 3rd to the 12th instant, is granted to Major H. P. Versturme-Bunbury, 2nd Royal Scots.

The undermentioned candidates have permission to appear before the Civil and Military Examination Committee which assembles at the New Secretariat, Bombay, at 11 a.m., on Monday, the 6th instant for examination as shewn under:—Hindustani—Higher Standrd—Part II.—Lieutenant G. C. W. Willis, 31st Lancers (in subject D only). Lieutenant W. A. Hagger, 126th Baluchistan Infantry. Lieutenant R. M. Greig, 42nd Deoli Regiment (subject D only). Hindustani—Higher Standard—Part I. Lieutenant W. A. Hagger, 126th Baluchistan Infantry.

The undermentioned Officers have been detailed to do duty with troops proceeding to England in H. T. "Plassy," sailing on 3rd January:—Major S. Thomson, Gordon Highlanders, Officer Commanding Troops, Captain Gatehouse, 1st Northumberland Fusiliers (Adjutant), Lieutenant V. H. L. Pellew, R.G.A., (Quarter-Master), Captains H. E. Molesworth, R.G.A., A. W. Knox, 58th Rifles, H. Maddick, 14th Hussars, T. B. Harris, Devonshire Regiment, A. E. Cathcart, King's Royal Rifles, W. Saunders, R.G.A., F. Bryant, R.F.A., and O. C. Wilkinson, 51st Yorkshire Regiment, Lieutenants L. Cowper, King's Own Regiment, and W. Findlater, R. I. Fusiliers.

BOMBAY—ARRIVALS January 2.—Ollivant, Capt 12th Lancers from Sialkot.

Molesworth, R F A, from Multan.
Hamilton, Col Staff, from Simla.
Stewart, Capt I A, from England.
Knox, Capt, 58th Rifles, from Kohat.
Forbes, Lt R G A, from Attock.
Fremant'e, Lt 2nd Gurkhas from Dhera Dun.
Findlater, Lt R I Fus from Ferozepore.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 2.

The Jubbulpore Brigade manœuvres will take place about fifteen miles from Jubbulpore from the 13th to the 19th January and also from the 27th January to the 1st February.

The Garhval Brigade will train in the vicinity of Jawalapur (Hardwar) between the 18th and 25th January, the Jhansi Brigade manœuvres will be held fifteen miles north west of Jhansi from the 3rd to the 12 February.

Four Non-Commissioned Officers of the Royal Garrison Artillery in India are to be sent to England annually to undergo the Gunnery Staff course. Only men who will have a substantial period to serve in India after the course are to be selected,

GENERAL WILLCOX.

Arrives To-day.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 2.

General Willcox arrives in Bombay by to-morrow's Mail and proceeds to take up the Peshawar Command.

P. W D. SERVICES.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 2.

Mr. C. H. James, Deputy Examiner of Accounts, is on return from leave posted to the office of the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, Punjab.

Mr. H. W. Scott, Examiner of Accounts, is transferred from the office of the Examiner of Accounts, Punjab, to that of the Examiner of Accounts, North-Western Railway.

Mr. F. P. B. Wood, Examiner of Accounts, North-Western Railway, is posted as Government Examiner of Accounts, Assam and engal Railway.

Pandit Rai Harprasad, Dhar Bahadur, Government Examiner of Accounts, Assam Bengal Railway, is transferred to the office of the Examiner of Accounts, Outh and Rohilkhand Railway.

Mr. H. H. B. Butterfield, Deputy Examiner of Accounts, is transferred from North-Western Railway to the office of the Government Examiner of Accounts, Bombay.

Mr. W. F. Milne, Examiner of Accounts, is transferred from the office of the Government Examiner of Accounts, Bombay, to the North-Western Railway.

NEWS LATER THAN THE MAIL.

WIRELESS TELEPHONY IN WAR.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

COLOMBO, JANUARY 2.

London, December 20.—The German War Office has purchased the right to use the Wireless telephone invented by Herr Poulsen. By means of this telephone communication can be carried on over a distance 250 miles.

Shooting in Schools.

ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THE PRINCE OF WALES.

The Prince of Wales has presented a shooting Cup for competition among the Cadest Corps in the schools of England.

A Pious Fraud.

ABSCONDING DEACON ARRESTED.

William Walker, Deacon in an aristocratic Baptist Church and treasurer of the Savings Bank at New Britain, Connecticut, recently absconded with £122,000 of the Church and bank funds. He was subsequently arrested working in a Mexican mine.

The Trouble in Natal.

DINIZULU'S COMPLICITY.

Colonel Mackenzie has collected overwhelming evidence of rebellious intention of certain prominent Zulus and is also said to have obtained evidence relating to the instigators of murder of Mr. Stainbanks, the Zululand Magistrate, who was shot by a party of natives while collecting the hut-tax in May 1905.

The Natal military forces in Zululand has destroyed forty-five huts at Dinizulu's Kraal at Natamba.

Dr. Clifford and others will memorialize the Prime Minister, Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman, protesting against the Natal Government's treatment of the Zulus declaring that Dinizulu's past record is one of unblemished integrity.

Earthquakes and Mining Disasters.

Seismic records preceding the last four mining disasters suggest that the Earth's unrest was the contributing cause.

Naval Gunnery Tests.

The Admiralty will conduct on board the old disused battleship the "Colossus," at Portsmouth, tests of modern magazines after which the vessel will be exploded.

The "Dreadnought" Guns.

Lord Percy Scott, speaking at a dinner at London said that if the battleship "Dreadnought" were planted on the "Derby" racecourse fifteen miles distant the guns would reach those listening to him while the path of the projectiles would be 700 feet above the summit of Mount Blank if that mountain stood between.

"Votes for Women."

The "Daily News" urges the Liberal party boldly to concede the demand of votes for women which it deems to be an elementary act of Justice.

Revolutionists in Russia.

WHOLESALE ARRESTS.

One hundred and thirty-nine ex-members of the Duma will shortly be tried in St. Petersburg on suspicion of belonging to revolutionary organisations. The editors and staffs, 100 altogether, of two St. Petersburg newspapers have been arrested on a similar charge.

CHARGE OF KICKING A DHOBY.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 2.

A European, named Conway, has been arrested on a charge of doing a rash or negligent act in kicking his dhoby who is said to be in a serious condition. Bail has been granted.

WEEKLY PLAGUE REPORT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 2.

Plague mortality continues unusually low for this season of the year. Returns, to-day published, show that there were in all India, in the week ending 28th December, 2,741 deaths of which 832 were in the Bombay Presidency, 458 in Bengal and 363 in the Mysore State.

DECENTRALISATION COMMISSION.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, January 2nd.

The Decentralisation Commission to-day examined the Raja of Nashipore and Hon. Rai Sitanath Bahadur.

REV. FR. WEINANDY'S ACCIDENT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, January 2nd.

Revd. Fr. Weinandy who lost the lower part of his arm in a recent Tramway accident is doing well.

THE BOMBAY SERVICES.

Mr. D. Davies, First Grade Superintendent of Police, has been allowed an extension up to the 21st January inclusive of the combined leave.

Mr. J. P. Brander, I. C. S., has been allowed an extension of furlough on medical certificate for three months.

Mr. V. M. Ferrers, I. C. S., has been allowed to return to duty within the period of his leave.

Mr. D. R. S. Bourke, Divisional Forest Officer, Satara, passed on 18th December an examination for the examination of officers of the Forest Department.

Mr. H. L. Newman, Divisional Forest Officer, East Khandesh, passed an examination in Marathi according to the Higher Standard on the 17th December.

The following appointment has been made on the Personal Staff of His Excellency the Governor. Second Lieutenant Shrimant Bala Saheb Daphle of Jath, attached to the 103rd Mahratta Light Infantry, to be Honorary Aide-de-Camp with effect from the 15th December.

On return from leave Mr. C. D. A. McIver, Assistant Engineer, 2nd Grade, is posted to the Indus Left Bank Division.

O. R. M. s.s. "Ortona" from Australia arrived in Colombo yesterday.

THE German East Africa Line Steamer "Gouverneur" arrived at Mombasa from Bombay yesterday morning via Lamu.

THE KING AS PRIZE-WINNER.

Scientific Breeding.

From very early English history the Kings and Queens of England have been more alive than the rest of the community to the vast importance of maintaining pure breeds of live stock.

The king's interest in horses begins in the reign of Henry I., and again and again the stock would have degenerated to the point of national danger but for the personal interest of the monarch; the battles of England have been won across the river from the playing fields of Eton. Edward III. organised the remount department of the Army as it has never been organised before or since, and his father's regulations prohibiting the export of any mare worth more than 6s. 8d. began to make England famous among countries as a breeding centre for horses. The splendid Shire horses which you may find bred on fen and Midland farms to-day draw their origin direct from the great horses for which Henry VIII. set up breeding establishments in Lincolnshire and and Cambridgeshire.

This zeal for horses of all sorts, and often, of course, associated, as with the Georges, with a less useful interest in hounds, began during last century to extend to cattle, sheep, and other domestic animals, till to-day, when other departments of English agriculture have shrunk to miserable proportions, the King has helped to bring stock-breeding up to an unapproachable level of perfection. He may be said to be more distinctly at the head of the industry than any king in history.

ENGLAND'S FIRST AGRICULTURIST.

As Prince of Wales he supported an excellent model farm at Sandringham, and when the Queen died he succeeded to the similar farm at Windsor Instead of surrendering one, as some feared, he developed both. Now the two are organised on the highest scientific principles, and the King is able to keep each for particular species; the cattle and heavy horses are best suited in Norfolk, and the sheep in Berkshire. The possession of two such splendid farms in parts of the country differing greatly in soil and climate gives the King an unequalled opportunity of encouraging the art of breeding in the most thorough fashion. It is no adventitious reason which gives spectators at the big shows, both in summer and winter, a supreme interest in the King's exhibits. He is the first agriculturist in England. All over the world, especially in the great cattle and farms of America, both North and South, it is acknowledged that importations from England, and from England alone, are necessary to keep their huge herds up to the due level. That this is so is the result of many hundreds of years of history, but through history no one has done more to maintain this reputation than King Edward VII.

Scientific inquiry begins to establish the fact that the soil and climate of the British Isles have qualities scarcely to be found elsewhere in the world when it is a question of giving strength to a pure breed. They are trying to disprove this, both in the Argentine and in the United States, but so far without much alarming success. "For stamina—Britain" is still an acknowledged maxim. The appreciation of this quality in the climate is understood in all parts of the British Isles, but a very large part of the interest of both amateur and professional breeders have used the virtue at their command for the production of eccentric shapes. "The fancy" has a surprisingly strong hold on the country, and, though it is easy to understand the amusement of the competitions and of getting quaint qualities produced at will, it is undeniable that much harm has been done by the development of sham and useless qualities. A fox terrier is not the better for a long, thin nose, a hen on stilts does not lay good eggs, and the country is not the richer for pigeons that cannot walk owing to feathers on their legs.

We owe it in some measure to the King that the ideals of the fancy have not been spread among the more useful animals. The King has held a higher view of the uses of our incomparable climate. One may without indulging in a conceit consider it singularly fitting that, since we in England hold all our land from the Crown, the King should be conspicuous in proving and utilising the peculiar quality of the land.

FOR ANIMALS OF PRIME UTILITY.

Among the great quantity of prizes won at national and local shows, both by the King and the Queen, one may say that all have gone to animals which are to be judged apart from the artificial points dear to the fancy as true to a useful type. For example, dogs have suffered a good deal from the application of false standards. But it was no accident that at the National Show the Queen showed dogs and won prizes only in two classes, one for Borzois and one for Bassetts. The Bassetts had been used for hunting, and were beautiful examples of the intelligent and keen-scented hunting dog. It is true that their pace has vanished under specialisation, and is now, of the slowest, but the dogs possess in high degree the cardinal qualities of the breed—intelligence, docility, and keen nose. So, too, the Queen's Borzoi, one of the most beautiful dogs at the National Show, was conspicuous for the lithesome and agility that the hunter especially desires in this Russian deerhound.

In cattle and sheep the King has on similar principles devoted himself to the varieties which are of prime utility. He won his two first prizes at the Royal Agricultural Show for shorthorns, a breed that has rapidly dominated all others in the world since it was first bred in Durham in the eighteenth century by men whose identity has just been called in question. Incidentally, it is worth asking why the shorthorn is now called the shorthorn, a word describing no peculiar quality of the animal, rather than by its early territorial and once established name of Durham. As the breed has been made in a particular district of England, it is just as well and in accordance with the best precedent that it should have a name indicating its place of origin. There is, indeed, not a little commercial value in this principle of naming. Foreign buyers desiring animals of the type, for example, of the Aberdeen Angus cattle or the Southdown sheep, or the Tamworth pigs, naturally think first of the places from which their names and nature took its origin.

In sheep, the Royal farm at Windsor is conspicuous for the breed of Southdowns, which have proved the most famous short-woolled sheep in the world since the breed was first brought to perfection by Mr. John Ellman in Sussex.

SOME RECENT TRIUMPHS.

Among horses, the King has shown supreme interest in the Shire horse, by far the most useful of all species in agriculture. As an example of his personal interest in the Shire it may be recalled that at the Royal Show at Lincoln this year he stopped his carriage and had a long talk with an American professor who had particularly observed the King's Shires during their tour in America.

Among the more important prizes won by the King during the year are:

Royal Agricultural Show.—Two 1st prizes for shorthorns.

Bath and West.—Gold medal and prizes for shorthorns, 1st prizes Southdown ram lambs.

Norwich Fat Cattle Show.—Two 1st prizes for shorthorns one, 1st prize for pen of Southdown lambs.

Birmingham Fat Stock Show.—1st prize shorthorn steer, 1st prize for Southdown lambs.

Manchester Dog Show.—Three 1st prizes for clumber spaniel bitches, one 1st for rough Bassett hounds.

Lynn Canine Society.—1st in novice class for smooth fox terriers.

In this list are not included several minor prizes or seconds or reserves, a number of which have gone to the Royal farms.

Foreigners have been heard to ask the question whether the small farmer does not feel some disappointment at finding his animals outclassed by the produce of the Royal farms and those of the larger landowners. But the feeling may be said hardly to exist. For this there are many good reasons. The King is a great prize-giver as well as prize-winner. For example, the three big cups at Smithfield are given by royalty. A special prize has just been offered for next year's show at Southampton; many smaller prizes are given locally, as at Lynn, where the dog show is made a success by the Queen, who last week took several prizes there. But the gift is much greater and is felt to be much greater than could be represented by a mere sum of prize-money. Stock breeding is profitable to the British farmer above all other farmers in the world, largely because men who have not sought to make profit of their stock have in recent years given themselves up to the amusement of breeding, and many of them have done it with a full sense of national prestige.

But the fine continuity of English history is not more strikingly illustrated in any sphere than in the comparison, shall we say, between the legislation of Edward II. on brood mares, the model stables of Henry VIII., and the invaluable produce of the two royal farms at Sandringham and Windsor.

AFTER forty years' service as postman, Joseph Hunt, of Kirton Lindsey, Lincolnshire, has retired with a record of 239,686 miles travelled in the course of his duties. He was never known to be late for duty.

SQUIRRELS have been laying up larger hoards of nuts and acorns this year than they have ever been known to do before. Folks who follow the puzzling ways of weather wisdom are likely to see in this, "Country Life" says, an indication that a winter of more than common severity is upon us.

SIR WILLIAM COLLINS, M. P., has performed an operation in a London hospital for an internal complaint upon Mr. Richard Hazleton, M.P. Mr. Hazleton has come through the ordeal successfully, but will be detained in hospital for a week or so longer.

LORD LI:

His Chinese Excellency.

Li Ching Fong, the new incumbent of the Chinese Legation in Portland-place, is one of the wealthiest men in the world, and by right of his descent, riches, and family influence, premier grandee of China. Unlike Yuan Shi Kai, who is of plebeian birth, the new Minister is an aristocrat, and is a son of the late Li Hung Chang, one of the most interesting personalities in the Chinese Empire. Although his utmost father was a reactionary, Li Ching Fong himself is of Progressive and he will be the first Chinese Minister to occupy Portland place who has been inspired by a taste for reforms. From the days of his youth, when he learnt English at the hands of his father's confidential American physician, his Excellency has been a student of Western methods, the first real insight to which came when he accompanied his father to Europe for the Tsar's Coronation. Hitherto the heads of Chinese Legations have been cultured and amiable officials, well born, fine exponents of the art of Chinese politeness, and most accomplished diplomatists. But they have not been progressive, and, indeed, if the late Minister alone be excluded, all Chinese Ministers to Great Britain in recent years have belonged to the great army of conservative officials that has so long supported the anti-foreign policy of the Dowager Empress.

The coming of Lord Li is in many ways one of the most significant acts that the Imperial Government of China has committed for some time. It testifies at once to the awakening of the ancient Empire which, if it continues to arouse itself at its present rate of progress, will have become a different Empire in ten years' time. China, to-day, stands where Japan stood thirty years ago, but there are indications that reformation in China will be even more rapid than that which distinguished the modern evolution of Japan. The most pronounced trait of the present state lies in the willingness of the Imperial Government to send representative types of the younger generation to America and to Europe generally for education. It has always been a practice to maintain a few students in Europe, but their subsequent careers have been generally concerned with the requirements of the Chinese Foreign Office. Under the new order no fewer than 150 students are coming to Great Britain, this large body of young men living in England under the direct supervision of the Chinese Legation. At present the students have been selected from the sons of the high official classes, but the idea is gaining ground and there is no doubt that the great Merchant Guilds, who follow the lead of the Government, will maintain representative bands in the various commercial centres.

It is a happy coincidence that Li Ching Fong should be associated in England with the first phases of the Chinese Reform Movement. If not a great wit, at least he is a most observant gentleman, and one who has frequently urged the Imperial Government to reconsider its methods. Obviously, then, he will see that his students derive the greatest benefit from their stay in England, since upon their shoulders must rest the future guidance of the Chinese Empire. Moreover, in choosing England as the country to which the great majority of the students should be sent, his Excellency has merely followed the policy which he himself has constantly advocated. The English language is the current tongue among the Chinese of the coast, as in all commercial circles, and there are usually one or two merchants in each important group who have a thorough grasp of it. Lord Li wishes to see this knowledge extended, since, in his opinion, it is the language of liberty and political freedom, and best suited for a country that is proposing to adopt new principles.

Another interesting circumstance in connection with Li Ching Fong is that he is first cousin to an English family, the head of which, the late Sir Halliday Macartney, was for many years the English adviser to the Chinese Legation. Sir Halliday was twice married, and his first wife, a Chinese lady, was the niece of the late Li Hung Chang. Li Hung Chang himself was god-father to Mr. George Macartney, the issue of this union, and now the British representative in Kashgar. The new Minister, therefore, has a peculiar right to his appointment. Apropos of Li Hung Chang's godson, Mr George Macartney, this gentleman is the most accomplished linguist in the service of the Indian Government, and speaks, with absolute fluency, Chinese, French, German, English, Russian, Hindustani, and Persian, besides numerous Central Asian dialects. The new Minister has not yet met his cousin of Kashgar, but one day during the coming spring there will be an interesting reunion in Portland-place, since Mr. George Macartney will soon be homeward bound.

Li Ching Fong is a man of middle age, of medium height, and not quite so stout as is usually the case with Southern Chinese gentlemen. In appearance a typical Celestial, he invariably wears Chinese costume, including the queue. Similarly, he favours the long tapering finger nails of the Chinese upper classes. In other respects, however, his disposition and character offer no point of resemblance to the ordinary Chinese official. He eschews both garlic and opium, and his temperament strikes a note of modernity. He is widely read in European literature, well versed in Western sciences, and even able to appreciate Occidental music! At the same time, although the Minister may be imbued with a new spirit, there will be no change in the character of the Chinese Legation. Thus, when entertaining, his Excellency will wear the usual beautiful robes of Chinese officials, ornamented on the back and chest with the large figures of embroidered swans that denote the difference between civil and military rank. Among officers of the Chinese Army and Navy tigers of ferocious aspect take the place of the swans. Li Ching Fong, how ver, is a civilian official of the highest rank, and wears decorations of the first class in the Orders of the Peacock, the Imperial Dragon, etc., besides many feathers and buttons.

In its social aspect, the hospitality of the Legation will necessarily gain from the immense fortune which the new Minister possesses. Many estimates have been given of the wealth left by the late Li Hung Chang, but so much of it was represented by mines

SPORTING NEWS.

CRICKET.

Bombay Gymkhana vs. Royal Navy.

VICTORY FOR THE GYMKHANA.

Yesterday's match between the Bombay Gymkhana and the Royal Navy provided some interesting cricket. The Bombay Gymkhana winning the toss elected to bat and made 223 runs. Mr. S. N. Powell, the most consistent run-getting bat the Gymkhana possess, contributed 83 in fine style, his contribution including 16 fours. The Royal Navy could total only 169, thus losing the match by 54 runs. Lieutenant Murray contributed an useful innings of 61 to the Navy total, his 61 including 13 fours. The catch with which Risch dismissed Arbuthnot was a beauty. The following are the scores :—

BOMBAY GYMKHANA.
1st Innings.

Mr S N Powell, c Cooke, b Smythies	83
Mr F P West, b Murray	8
Mr A E McDinnell, b Murray	1
Mr Sheers, c Kitson, b Gordon	0
Mr J S Milne, b Smythies	26
Mr C D Baker, c and b Arbuthnot	17
Commander Vines, b Hickley	15
Mr Osborne, c and b Smythies	2
Mr R H Shoobridge, c Hickley, b Gordon	29
Mr Ayscough, l-b-w, b Smythies	3
Mr Risch, not out	30
Extras	9
Total	223

ROYAL NAVY.
1st Innings.

Commander Brown, c Vines, b Milne	6
Lieut. Murray, c Ayscough, b Shoobridge	61
Lieut. Wright, b West	7
Mr Cooke, b West	7
Lieut Kitson, b Powell	7
Capt. Hickley, l-b-w, b Milne	32
Lieut Smythies, c Ayscough, b Milne	1
Lieut. Arbuthnot, c Risch, b Milne	16
Mr Haslop, not out	11
Mr Gordon, b West	0
Lieut. Worsley, 1st Macdonell, b West	4
Extra	22
Total	169

CRICKET AT INDORE.

Daly College vs. Hindus and Muhammadans.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

INDORE, JANUARY 1.

This match was played yesterday on the Daly College ground and resulted in a win for the College by three wickets and 30 runs. The College was unable to put in its full strength as the majority of the Kumars have gone to their homes to enjoy the Christmas holidays. The remaining few however with three members of the staff played against the above combination which included representatives of the Hindu Gymkhana, the Muhammadan Club, the Residency School and other Clubs. Kumar Pratap Singhji of Lughasi bowled splendidly for the Daly College taking four wickets for 27 runs. The following are the scores :—

THE REST OF INDORE COMBINED.

Md Waris, c Lokendra Singh, b A D Khan	27
Krishna Sawmy, c Puran Singh, b KifayetUllah	27
Md Ismail, b Pratap Singh	4
Md Unis, run out	14
Kupu Sawmy, b Pratap Singh	3
Daulat Singh, c Budh Singh, b A D Khan	14
Shanker Rao, c Tambe, b Kanahaya Singh	10
Md Sharif, c and b A D Khan	19
Bisheshar, b Pratap Singh	2
Abdul Ghani, b Pratap Singh	0
Bashir Husain, not out	3
Extras	12
Total	135

DALY COLLEGE.

S Ahmad Dinkhan, b Shanker	27
Narmada, P Singh, l b w Ismail Khan	9
Budh Singh, b Ismail Khan	2
Pratap Singh, c Daulat Singh, b Shanker	11
Kifayet Ullah Khan, c Sharif, b Shanker	5
Mr. Tombs, run out	45
Puran Singh, c and b Shanker	22
Rao Lokendra Singh, run out	25
Kanhaiya Singh, not out	10
Sajjan Singh / Devi Singh } Did not bat	
Extras	9

Total 165 for 8 wickets

DALY COLLEGE, INDORE vs. THE HOLKAR COLLEGE.

The above cricket match was played on the 30th December, the Daly College winning by 80 runs, The Daly College played first and made 111 runs, the top scores being that of Mr. Bapu Mian 58 and Budh Singh 29. The Holkar College was all out for 31 runs only, none of their players being able to put even a double figure.

DALY COLLEGE vs. THE INDORE MUHAMMADANS.

This match was played on the 27th December on the Daly College ground resulting in an easy victory for the College by 66 runs. The Daly College having won the spin of the coin elected to bat first and knocked up 113 runs, the chief contributions being Budh Singh 29, Ahmad Din Khan 19, and Pratap Singh 14. The Muhammadans could only make 47 runs, thus losing the match by 66 runs.

BOMBAY 4TH EXTRA MEETING.

SATURDAY 4TH JANUARY 1908.

HANDICAPS.

The New Year Plate—6 furlongs.

Baritone 9st 7lbs, Lady Lomond 8st 11lbs, Harpist 7st 10lbs Admiral Crichton 9st 3lbs, Zotique 8st 8lbs, Sir Galahad 7st 6lbs, Epitome 9st 2lbs, Rosewater 8st 11b, Sainfoen 7st.

Top weight not accepting weights to be raised 3lbs.

The Marine Lines Plate—1 mile.

Precious 10st 12lbs, Spearmint 8st 2lbs, Melbourne 5st 13lbs, Alma 9st 10lbs, Skylark 8st, Galopin 8st 12lbs, Egypt 9st 8lbs, Sheila 7st 9lbs, Dumra 6st 10lbs, Nooman 9st 4lbs, Recruit 7st 6lbs, Swordsman 6st 8lbs, Tachreet 9st 2lbs, Antica 7st 4lbs, Hazza 6st 7lbs, Monsoon 8st 8lbs, Royal 7st 2lbs, Hadee 6st 4lbs. Wait-a-While 8st 6lbs, Scarlet 7st.

Top weight not accepting weights to be raised 4lbs.

The Bedouin Plate—6 furlongs.

Tachreet 10st 6lbs, Creditor 8st 4lbs, Court Martial 7st 6lbs, Vasco 9st 10lbs, Salanic 8st 2lbs, Little Joker 7st 5lbs, Mint 8st 13lbs, Osborne 8st, Hazza 7st 4lbs, Vedas 8st 12lbs, Shanwar 7st 12lbs, Caravan 7st, Herrical 8st 10lbs, Company 7st 11lbs, Settler 6st 13lbs, Gray Falcon 8st 9lbs, Meerjau 7st 10lbs, Amood 6st 12lbs, Scimitar 8st 8lbs, Dumra 7st 9lbs, Wadi 6st 7lbs, Ashroff 8st 6lbs, Nazzar 7st 8lbs, Gold Mint 8st 5lbs, Darby 7st 7lbs.

Top weight not accepting weights to be raised 4 lbs.

Forfeit for the above races due if not struck out before 6 p.m. to-day, Thursday 2 January, 1908.

HORSES LEFT IN.

After declaration of forfeit at 6 p.m., on Thursday :—

The New Year Plate.—6 furlongs. Lady Lomond, Epitome, Harpest, Sainfoen, Admiral Crichton, Rosewater, Zotique, Baritone and Sir Galahad.

The Marine Lines Plate.—1 mile. Precious, Egypt, Tachreet, Alma, Nooman, Sheila, Melbourne, Antica, Scarlet, Royal, Hadee, Swordsman, Skylark, Recruit, Spearmint and Wait-a-While.

The Bedouin Plate.—6 furlongs. Tachreet, Vasco, Mint, Scimitar, Shanwar, Company, Salanic, Grey Falcon, Gold Mint, Herrical, Vedas, Nazzar, Wadi, Dumra, Creditor, Osborne, Settler, Darby, Ashroff, Meerjan, Amood and Court Martial.

Diversion of the Strangers' Plate—Emerad, Reward, Narsin, Respectable, Naief, Come Lever, Winter, Fallah, Bassam, Martyn, Shamshad, Wild Poppy, Vendetta, Rubdan, Riza, Devon, Peru, Tumble, Fattahal Kher, Fritz, Sheri, Never Shy, My Pet, Ajeel, His Highness, Dardanelles, Maimolo, Transfer, Rising Fallon, Balmeral, and Turkish Flag 1lb late sngc.

Division of the Little Strangers' Plate—Mudkoor, Dharna, Sir Askar, Godelphin Aden, Marhaba, Viceroy, Fantom, Good Time, Porter, Golden Crown, Rogers, Uganda, Mynoon, Good Chance, Poonia, Disguise, Diamond King, Mountain King, Rome Alli, Virtuous Bay, Orly, British Flag, Clarke, Martyn, Verify, Zari, Lenzo, Brussels, Burke, Thamir and Noorce.

CECIL GRAY, Secretary, W. I. T. C.

Bombay, 2nd January 1908.

BOMBAY HUNT.

SANTA CRUZ was the venue arranged for the Meet of the Bombay Fox-hounds yesterday morning, and a gathering of some sixty people assembled there at daybreak. The atmosphere was delightfully cool, and with a fair dew upon the ground everybody hoped for a good morning's sport. The excellence of the gallop surely came up to the highest expectations of the most fastidious. It is indeed difficult to speak too highly of the first class run we all enjoyed so much. As soon as the daylight enabled a start being made, the pack moved off to the covert hard by the new brickfield in the direction of Chuckla, and almost before some eager sportsmen had solved the difficulty of the wall outside the coppice, hounds had owned to a scent, and were off with plenty of melody towards Sahar Hill. On getting about half way across the melon ground the pack however turned sharp left handed, and ran at rare speed to Chuckla Hill. We were fortunate in being able to take quite a good line along the melon ground, as convenient pathways assisted us materially in crossing this dangerous tract of land. Some very sharp stones were certainly not very pleasant on the slope of the hill, but we were soon enabled to leave these little difficulties behind us, and by jumping a good sized cactus hedge follow the playing pack through the pretty Chuckla Groves. This neighbourhood is somewhat closely wooded, and it is necessary to ride with a certain amount of caution, but after crossing the lane and a big dried up tank the hunt is carried on over a splendid line of rice fields on the other side of Sahar Village. After some distance the pack was a little at fault, but the delay was only momentary, as that good hound "Rallywood" spoke to the scent some way off on the left hand side. The pack in its eagerness had over-run the scent, owing to the jackal having made a very sharp turn to the left. The rest of the hounds however follow "Rallywood's" excellent example, and all joining together once more continue the chase across the Andheri Road and through the the long mangoe tope on the other side. When getting clear of this orchard the pack literally raced along a grand stretch of paddy fields, it being necessary for us to allow our horses to gallop just as fast as their legs could move if we were to be in a position to determine what the "beauties" were doing. On reaching the end of the paddy fields, we had to climb a stiff hill, but circumstances did not admit of any hesitation and we had perforce to take the hill at a gallop. Dipping down the far side of this hill, hounds continue at the same remarkable speed along a delightful stretch of open grass lands, and the hunt about this neighbourhood resembled a race on the flat more than anything else. The jackal must have been a magnificent specimen of his breed. The pace was so furious that many of us thought he could not keep it up much longer, but apparently he was one of those brave animals who loves to cross swords with a pack of hounds. Never venturing to take to any covert, which he might so easily have done, he maintains his challenge in the open country, and eventually reaches the beautiful woods of Goregaum. The chase is carried on straight through these woods, the music of the pack echoing and echoing through the palm trees. The ground was firm and true all along the excellent line the jackal had taken, and at no time is it possible for any of us to draw rein as the pace never slackens in the least degree. Finally when at no great distance from the far off railway station of Goregaum, our quarry at last brings a certain abatement to the exceptional speed of the chase by taking a line through some very dense jungle. The undergrowth was particularly thick, and the thorns in the bushes and hedges uncommonly sharp. The denseness of the jungle makes it a very difficult thing for the horsemen to keep any of the hounds in sight, and one can consequently only try to keep as close to them as circumstances will permit by listening to their constant "music," but it is not possible to successfully hunt a pack of hounds in such unusually dense jungle, and as far as many of us could judge there must have been more than one jackal in this undergrowth. It undoubtedly would make a magnificent abode for many of these animals and as the pack divided into two or three portions circumstances certainly pointed to this being the cause of bringing the hunt to a termination. For some time the huntsmen and hunt staff did their very best not to give in, but they had at last reluctantly to admit that this splendid jackal had been able to make good his escape. Hounds were accordingly but not without trouble, called out of the jungle into an open field at the bottom of the hill, and everybody was really only too glad to have the opportunity of giving our faithful hunters a few minutes breathing time. As before mentioned one cannot overstate the excellence of the gallop we had had. From start to finish the pace was a "cracker" and if we had been running a drag a finer line of riding country could not well have been chosen in the whole of the Vale of Salsette. The run had lasted for at least 60 minutes and as the crow flies we were at least six miles from home at the finish. The remarkable pace of the gallop, and the very attractive nature of the delightful country over which we were fortunate to ride, until the dense jungle was reached, will not be readily forgotten by those who were lucky enough to participate in the sport. It was a hunt which the historic "Brooksby" ought to be alive to report, the pen being unfortunately totally inadequate of your humble

JACKAL.

BOMBAY YACHT CLUB RACES.

The following races will be sailed on Saturday next.

Ships Boat Race. Start at 3-15 p.m. Course No. 39 reversed.

A Class Handicap Race. Start at 3-30 p.m. Course No. 12.

B Class Handicap Race. Start at 3-35 p.m. Course No. 11.

C Class Handicap Race. Start at 3-40 p.m. Course No. 11.

MURRAY FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT.

The Entries.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LUCKNOW, JANUARY 2.

The following regiments have entered for the Murray Football Cup, entries for which close on 15th instant :—

1st South Lancashire Regiment, 1st Duke of Wellington's Regiment, the Cameronians, the Royal Irish Rifles, 17th Lancers, 2nd Leinster Regiment, 2nd Rifle Brigade, 2nd Shropshire Light Infantry, 1st Oxford Light Infantry, 1st Royal Warrwickshire Regiment, 1st Royal Dragoons, 2nd Berkshire Regiment, Royal Artillery, Lucknow, 5th Fusiliers, 1st Royal Scots Fusiliers, and 1st Gloucestershire Regiment.

THE Mayor of Bacup has publicly presented the Royal Humane Society's bronze medal to Mr. Evelyn H. Collinge, who, while on his honeymoon, rescued a girl from drowning at Loch Long. Mr. Collinge dived from a ship into the water, although it was dark at the time.

MR. SHERIFF WAKEFIELD, at the dinner of the City Waiter's Provident and Pension Society, said that business men had not time for the elaborate luncheons of their forefathers. For instance, his luncheon that day cost him 4d., as it consisted of a cup of tea and two slices of bread-and-butter, served by a winning waitress.

NEWS from Epsom on Derby Day not only causes a thrill of intense interest among sporting men, but it causes a flutter of excitement throughout England, as many people take an interest in it who, on other occasions, have no sympathy with racing events. So it is in cases of illness when strangers are the victims, we feel no anxiety but when a friend or relative is stricken down we await the news of their progress with impatient suspense. Many letters of thanks are written daily by grateful friends, or the sufferers themselves, for the benefit received through Holloway's marvellous medicines. They have been a source of relief in almost every known complaint. The Pills give tone to the stomach, increase the appetite, and aid the digestion, whilst the Ointment, when absorbed into the pores, prevents disease from having a fatal influence upon the system.

CALCUTTA HORSE SHOW.

The Judges' Awards.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 1.

The Thirteenth Annual Horse Show was held on Wednesday in the Tollygunge Club grounds. The classes shown were mostly superior to those of previous shows and this was marked in every class. There was a full attendance, their Excellencies Lord and Lady Minto and his Excellency Lord Kitchener were not only present with their parties but were exhibitors. If Excellence in any department was more markedly noticeable it certainly was in the harness and jumping classes. Mr. Jamieson's arrangements were admirable.

Harness Horses, single harness, 15 hands or over.—Mr. Galstaun's Shirley Defiance, 1; Mr. Khatow's Bolinda, 2; Lord Kitchener, Bob, commended.

Single Harness's Horses over 14, and under 15 hands—Mr. Galstaun's Malvalleys, 1; Mr. Bon's Bill, 2; Mr. Butler's Distinction, commended.

Single Harness, Horses 14 hands or under,—Colonel Lloyd Jones' Cheriton Model, 1; Mr. Galstaun's Sir Charles, 2.

Double Harness, any height, in harness—Mr. Galstaun's Lady Batty and Lord Batty, 1; Lord Kitchener's Bob and Tom, 2; H. E. the Viceroy's Major and Minor, commended.

Tandems, any height.—H. E. Lord Kitchener's Bob and Tom, 1; the Viceroy's Major and Minor, 2; Mr. Galstaun's Sir Charles and Gilbert, commended.

Best Complete Turn Out, single horses, 15 hands or over.—Mr. Khatow's Bolinda, 1.

Best Complete Turn Out, single horses over 14 and under 15 hands.—Mr. Butler's Distinction, 1; Mr. Swan's Punch, 2.

Best Complete Turn Out, single horse, 14 hands and under.—Colonel Lloyd Jones' Cheriton Model, 1; Mr. Economo's Baby Boy, 2; Mr. Pope's Gessmyn, commended.

Best Complete First Class Ticca Phaeton Horses, any size, double or single harness.—Shaik Noor Ally's Turn Out, 1; Shaik Taj Ally's, 2; Shaik Ismail's 3; Shaik Noor Ally's, 4.

Best Complete Turn Out, Second Class Phaetons, horses, any size.—Babu Chetterjee's, 1; Shaik Ulfut's 2; Shaik Hossein's, 3: Shaik Noor Ally's, commended.

Best Complete Turn Out, Second Class Palkies and Browberrys, horses any size.—Babu Bose's, 1; Shaik Sherazee's, 2; Messrs, Bux Brothers and Shaik Ahmed's commended.

Hunters, Heavy Weight.—Dr. Forsyth's Corydon, 1; Major Clore's Star Shell, 2; Mrs. Cogswell's Quality, commended.

Hunters, Light Weight.—Mr. Myer's Sir Walter, 1; Mr. Butler's Treasure, 2; Mr. Patterson's Cymmeran, commended.

Hacks, Heavy Weight, 15 hands or over.—Mrs. Cogswell's Quality, 1; Mr. Banerjee's Khartoomi, 2.

Ladies' Hacks.—Mrs. Forsyth's Greayman, 1; the Countess of Minto's Abbess. 2; Mr Gresson's Nevermore, commended.

Hacks, over 14, and under 15 hands.—Mr. Thomas' Lockerbie, 1; Mrs. Saris' Zigzag, 2; H. E. the Viceroy's Maharani, commended.

Hacks, 4 hands and under.—The Maharaja of Jodhpore's Notless 1; The Maharaja of Jodhpore's Chaperone, 2; Captain Learmouth's Chicken, commended.

Hacks, Arabs 14 hands and under.—Lady Violet Elliot's Bahadur, 1; H. E. the Viceroy's New Minister, 2; the Maharaja of Jodhpore's Witness, commended.

Hacks, Country-bred, 14 hands and under.—Mr. Howard's Antoinette, 1; Body Guard Polo Club's Nameless, 2.

Hacks, Light Weight, 15 hands or over.—Mr. Patterson's Cymmeran 1; Mrs Myer's Napeer, 2.

Children's Ponies, 11 hands and under.—Mr. Dass' Silver Boy, 1;

Polo Ponies, English and Australian.—The Maharaja of Jodhpore's Chaperone, 1; Captain Learmouth's Chicken, 2; Captain Learmouth's Whip, 3.

Polo Ponies, Country-breds and Arabs.—The Maharaja of Jodhpore's Marmion, 1; Captain Barrett's Game Cock, 2; the Hon. Bingham's His Highness, 3.

Jumping Competition for horses:—Mrs Ismay's Day and Night, ridden by Mr. Ismay, 1; Colonel Victor Brooke's Holm, 2; Colonel Victor Brooke's Gaiety Girl, 3; both ridden by owner.

Jumping Competition, for ponies 14 hands and under:—Mr. Barrow's Puck, 1; Colonel Brooke's Topsail, 2; Mr. Haward's Lady Wilful, 3; all three ridden by owners.

Remounts, teams of Three.—Cavalry Remount's Margarett. 1.

Remounts, Teams of six horses for Artillery.—Mr. Davies, 1.

Remounts, chargers.—Mr. Margrett's Lord Cardigan 1; Mr. Gilder's A. J. G., 2; Mr. Patterson's The Beall commended.

Chargers, property of members of the Presidency Garrison and Calcutta Light Horse.—Colonel Apostolide's Nicotime, 1.

Special Prizes, for the best Group of Horses, imported by Government shipper during the current season.—Mr. Margratt's, 1; Mr. Davis' 2.

Championship, Best Remount in the Show.—Mr. Margrett's horse 1.

Best Hunters in the Show.—Dr. Forsyth's Corydon 1; Mr. Myer's Sir Walter, 2.

"CHARTREUSE."

The Monks' Right Upheld.

THE claim by the Carthusian monks to the exclusive right to the use of the word "Chartreuse" as descriptive of a well-known liqueur has been unanimously upheld by their Lordships in the Appeal Court.

The plaintiffs were Abbot Rey, head of the Carthusian Monks, and other members of the Order. Before Mr. Justice Joyce they sought an injunction to restrain the Official Liquidator in France from using the word "Chartreuse" in connection with the sale of the liqueurs in Great Britain.

Mr. Justice Joyce, however, held that they were not entitled to the exclusive use of the word "Chartreuse," and that the word did not mean that the liqueurs so named were manufactured only by the Carthusian monks. Against this decision they appealed.

In allowing the Appeal the Lord Chief Justice said the evidence had shown that the name was of great commercial value, and that negatived at once any suggestion that the word only meant a liqueur made in the particular district. He was clearly of opinion that the use of the word "Chartreuse," and of labels very similar to those used by the monks, was an attempt by the defendants (Lecouturier and others) to acquire in England the reputation of the old name and the old label.

His lordship added that it seemed to him that the arm of the law ought to be strong enough to prevent the sale and the pushing in this country of a liqueur which was not made according to the old recipe. The injunction ought not to be so framed as to prevent "La Compagnie Fermiere de La Grande Chartreuse" from telling the truth, but ought to be framed "to prevent them telling falsehoods to the British public.

Lord Justice Buckley said he was perfectly satisfied from the evidence that the defendants were passing off in this country their liqueurs manufactured by the monks. They described their liqueur as the genuine, incomparable, old, and world-renowned liqueur, but how could it be so when the secret of the process of manufacture was only known to the monks? When the monks left France for Tarragoca, they were entitled to take their secret with them and use their trade mark, which had become so well-known.

Lord Justice Kennedy concurred. The appeal was allowed, with costs.

The Court also ordered an inquiry as to damages and granted an injunction restraining the defendants (Lecounturier and others) or their agents from using the word "Chartreuse" in connection with any liqueurs other than those manufactured by the monks.

SPEAKING at the Queen Victoria's Seamen's Rest at Poplar, the Duke of Argyll said he noticed that several streets in the district bore Old Testament names. "There should be a Noah-street," he added "for Noah was the first seaman who had experience of a seamen's home."

MR. H. J. GARLAND, of Worgret, near Wareham by way of expressing his gratitude for a bountiful harvest, has, instead of giving a feast, presented, each of his workmen with a new pair of stout boots.

MASTER TOM SELLWOOD, who is eight years old, occupied the chair at a Wesleyan bazaar at Brentford, and discharged his duties with such dignity and success that the audience of grown-ups unanimously accorded him a vote of thanks. In the course of the evening he made two speeches.

WORKING-MAN MAYOR.

Earning £2 a Week in a Factory.

Mr. William Cartwright, in whose honour a dance and entertainment were given at Loughborough recently is the first working-man in the hosiery trade who, while working at the knitting-frame, has been elected Mayor of the Town.

When Mr. Cartwright was elected Mayor of Loughborough, in November, he was turning out long stockings by the dozen, and making from thirty shillings to two pounds a week at the trade. He is still making stockings in the intervals between attending to his mayoral duties, but his earnings have dropped considerably.

"I am working half-time now," he said on Saturday. Mr. Cartwright's home is a neat little house in a town in which ninety per cent. of the people are workers, like himself. He pays five shillings rent for "three up and three down", with a garden, lately blooming with chrysanthemums grown by the Mayoress, at the back. From this house the Mayor goes at six o'clock every morning to his work in the Loughborough factory of the Nottingham Manufacturing Company.

Three of his six daughters work in the factory with him. His wife also worked in the factory before she was married. "She scrubs her own floors, cooks her own dinner, and washes her own clothes," said the Mayor. I never had any Schooling added the Mayor. "I learned to read and write in a general Baptist Sunday school. I have been nine years on the Loughborough Council and though we have only nine Liberals on the Council they have made me Mayor. I don't think mayors ought to be paid. Pay would lead to corruption and to adventures seeking the post."

Mr. Cartwright is a member of the Trades' Council, and has been president of the Local Hosiery Union for thirteen years, but he thinks the Socialists are "adventurers looking for an easy job and more money."

Mr. Frost, the managing director of the Nottingham Manufacturing Company, says the Mayor, is a first-rate "stockinger," able to turn out, with the assistance of a lad, eighty dozen pairs of stockings per week. The Mayor and his family are very popular with the other "hands" in the big factory.

GIRL BOOKING CLERKS.

To Wear Black Uniforms With Red Facings.

The London Underground Electric Railways are advertising for girl booking clerks.

Over 100 replies were received a few hours after the notice appeared. They came from all parts of London, including Fulham, Peckham, Paddington, Shepherd's Bush, Battersea, Horselydown, Holloway, East Ham, Canning Town, and Homerton.

There are applications from cashiers and telephonists and also from young widows with small incomes, schoolgirls, and girls who are living at home and desire light work of some kind.

Mr. McCall, of the Underground Railways, told a press representative that the applicants were on the whole quite suitable for the work they would be called upon to do. They were evidently girls of education, judging, from their letters.

They would be required to wear a uniform dress—probably one of black with red collar and facings. Londoners may, therefore, expect to see in the near future charming pictures framed in the square wickets at the booking halls, hitherto the monopoly of unpicturesque man.

The directors of the eight companies controlling the underground systems of London have definitely abandoned as unworkable the institution of "through tickets" at a maximum fare of 2½d. or 3d.

Mr. Stanley, general manager of the London Underground Railways, stated that negotiations were now in progress for the establishment of a system of books of "through tickets" of various prices, entitling the passenger to travel between any two of a certain comprehensive group of station without rebooking.

DEPARTURE OF THE TRANSPORT "PLASSEY."

THE hired Transport "Plassey," Captain F. B. Motleys, will sail to-day for Southampton, with details consisting of 35 officers, 26 ladies and 25 children, 1,239 non-Commissioned officers, and men, 52 women, and 100 children. The following are the names of the officers :—

Col Mrs C McHamilton, A A G and Sister-in-law
Lt-Col W C Beevor, R A M C
Major S Thomson, Gordon Higs
Major C E Fishbourne, Northumberland
Major and Mrs H L Crocker, Leicester 4 children
Major and Mrs C Duggan, R A M C
Major and Mrs H R Baker, 73rd C Infantry and 3 children
Major A G Crocker, 22nd Cavalry
Capt H E Molesworth, R G A
Capt W A E O Swetenham, R G A
Capt A W Knox, 58 Rifles
Capt and Mrs H P Keelan, 107th Pioneers
Capt R F Gatehouse, N Fusileers
Capt T B Harris, Devons
Capt A E Cathcart, 2 K R Rifles
Capt and Mrs W Sanders, R G A and child
Capt L L G Thorpe, R A M C
Capt F E Rowa-Robinson, R A M C
Capt and Mrs W Davis, R A M C
Capt F Bryant, R F A
Capt G B Ollivant, 12th Lancers
Capt F C Wilkinson, E Yorks
Capt and Mrs R Maddick, 14th Hussars
Lt and Mrs L Cowper, Kings own Inft
Lt R H Poyntz, 2 S L Inft
Lt V H L Pellew, R G A
Lt W Findlater, R F Fus
Lt S Freemantle, 3 Gurkhas
Lt J L Forbes, 3 Gurkhas
Lt W R Warden, 83 Inft
2nd Lt N E Gore, Laughton-Carabineers
Rev and Mrs H D Penley, E C Dept and 2 children
Rev and Mrs J Permein, E C Dept and 2 children
Rev and Mrs E D De Russe', and 3 children
Mr N Roy Asst Paymaster R N
Miss E J Reid, Q M S I
Miss M G Gilmore, M S I
Miss I Hughes, M S I
Widow of Major C D Lister, 717 Maharattas and child
Widow of Major K Lloyd, 24 Inft and 2 children
Wife of Lt A G Frere, 86 Inf and 2 children
Wife of Lt H G skell, R E and child
Wife of Capt W H Cazaly, 1 M S and child
Wife of Dy Comry W D Gray, I M Lds
Wife of Capt H Clough, Kings Own
Wife of Major F Kiddle, R A M C and 2 children
Wife of Major F Renwick, 40 Pathan and Inft
Wife of W Blackney, 3 S Horse
Wife of Capt J Webster, R A M C

IN connection with Sir Alfred Jones' scheme of cotton cultivatian in Jamaica, by which money is advanced and repayment taken in the crop, Mr. L. G. Desporte, who is in charge reports that he expects to pick cotton from early in January, and anticipates a good yield and a good staple. He adds :—"There are hundreds of acres of land in the District that could be worked if my venture demonstrates that the cultivation can pay."

A PASSENGER motor-bus travelling from Drumnore to Stranraer was charged by a bull near the village of Stoneykirk. The animal, which had strayed from a field on to the road, dashed at the front lamp. The car was going at a fair rate of speed, and the result was that it was diverted from its course and ran into the ditch. The driver received a slight injury to his wrist.

A PARIS dentist has hit upon a scheme to relieve the feelings of the victims he operates upon. While he pulls teeth, the "Telegraph" says, a phonograph in the next room sings the Jewel Song from "Faust," Lohengrin's "Abschied," or the last drawing-room ballad. The patients' sleep is lulled by sweet music. When they awake they not only have been relieved of annoying molars, but carry melodious memories with them, and go away humming a tune.

THE Countess of Warwick is, it is understood, engaged in writing her social memoirs, and the work will, it is expected, prove of a highly interesting character. It will include the Countess's experiences of the world of fashion and her reminiscences of many leading personages who compose it. Lady Warwick, in the book, will not deal in any way with the political movements in which her interests are now absorbed, but will confine herself to society matters entirely.

COUNT ERASMUS ERBACH has been formally deprived of all rights of succession to the entailed family estates. His offence (the Berlin correspondent of the "Empress" states) is that he married Dora Fischer, the pretty daughter of a washerwoman. The Count belongs to one of the mediatised houses, and therefore cannot appeal to the ordinary court. He must accept his disinheritance of an estate worth £250,000 a year without any hope of regaining his right to the succession. The Court awarded the succession to the Erbach estates to Count Arthur Erbach, the uncle of Count Erasmus.

THE LADIES' CORNER.

MOUSSELINE-DE-SOIE AND OSTRICH TIPS.

Paris is displaying a variety of dainty, etceteras for evening wear, both for the benefit of the "jeune fille" and her chaperon. The large part which the scarf plays in the addenda of the English debutante, who exploits it assiduously with her low-necked dresses, is considerably restricted so far as the French girl is concerned, whose dinner and theatre frocks are carefully finished and decorated at the throat. Nevertheless, a supply of new scarves has made its appearance among the seductions of the Paris shop windows, which at this season of the year display every variety of seasonable gifts, from the glittering diamond pendant to the porcelain basket piled high, with delectable marrons glaces or filled with pink and lavender fondants. These scarves, which are tempting the demure little recently emancipated pensionnaire to extravagance, are designed of mousseline-de-soie in delicate colourings including peach-blossom pink, pale almond green, powder blue, Marie Louise mauve, or amber—while they are finished with an edge of ostrich tips, very full and elaborately curled, which greatly enhances the soft effect. Sometimes the scarf has a flowing design painted upon it, forming handsome ends, while at other times there is a satin band running the whole length. For the chaperon the newest desigh is of chenille, the cross bars of which form a thick lattice work, recalling the nets which confined the hair of every woman some sixty years ago. The scarve are entirely innocent of trimming, but are finished at the ends with a long fringe of the same chenille, and, while presenting an eminently light and elegant appearance, they have the advantage of being warm and cosy—a mundane consideration which, to years of discretion, has its undoubted value.

TURBAN TOQUE IN CHESTNUT BROWN AND SILVER.

So much discussion has been devoted of late to the subject of the mammoth theatre hat, that modistes are vying with one another to produce something pretty and becoming for evening wear to take its place. One of the most successful of these competitive schemes consisted of a little neat circular turban of closely folded chestnut tulle, not more than two inches in depth, and designed to nestle flat on the top of the head, in the midst of the poufs and waves of the hair which escape on either side. The edge of the turban was lightly bound with a band of silver filet, embroidered in a light design, while a little to the left was fastened a thick, but short bunch of cream ospreys. Naturally enough, with such a decoration, the hair must necessarily be much more bouffant at the sides than is ordinarily the case, while the addition of a thick plait surrounding the head like a coronal, dipping a little towards the nape of the neck at the back, and disappearing under the turban in front, would meet the case better than the tiny curls and rolls of hair which are so popular just now. Another decorative item, part toque, part coiffure ornament, consisted of the beautiful iridescent blue head of some bird resembling a peacock. The beak and eyes were carried out in silver while the tiny soft feathers at the commencement of the neck were lightly osted with a ring of the same, gleaming like diamond dust, and completely encircling it. From this little head and neck there sprang two long, curving feathers suggesting the dyed tail of a pheasant, and falling to the shoulders of the wearer on the left, the long plumes being dyed a bright metallic green on the outside while the reverse was coloured a vivid blue. As a matter of fact, these composite birds' heads are finished in a variety of different ways, and terminate in some cases in a bunch of feathe fronds, tipped at the ends with tiny blades—like maidenhair—which are sometimes designed in blue, and sometimes in silver.

BARBARIC CLASPS ADORNED WITH PEARLS AND SCARABS.

Nothing in the realm of the buckle is of too colossal proportions nowadays to merit the notice of the couturiere. Hugo square exampler, carried out in tarnished gold tissue, stiffened with gold and silver wire, and worked in Roman and baroque pearls, with giant scarabs as large as oysters in the centre, clasp the soft folded belts of satin, and are introduced either exactly in the front of the gown, or both at the back and front, the design producing as rich and barbaric an effect as the taste of its creator can devise. In nearly every instance the buckles and clasps are outlined with a little gauffered frill of soft satin or silk this being almost as indispensable an item of the new schemes as is the miniature ruff of lace or net which is introduced as a finish to the high collar band. Another important feature of to-day is the plain graduated panel, which takes the place of the gathers, inverted pleats, or even the more recent box-pleat, which adorned the back of the skirts of yesterday, extremists in the world of fashion adopting this style con amore, the panel being, however, rarely repeated in front. This particular method is however, by no means easy to achieve satisfactorily and dire are the failures produced by the unpractised hand of the home dressmaker, who labours under the delusion that such a jupe requires only mediocre talent to give it the right flare at the hem and the requisite "serrement," round the hips.

IN a case in the King's Bench in which the quality of certain cigars supplied to hotels was questioned, the judge suggested that each juryman should be supplied with a sample cigar and one manufactured for the hotels. They could be tested during the luncheon interval. Counsel: "I am afraid they could not get through two in half an hour." The Judge: "They could smoke half and throw the other half away." When the Court reassembled the jury said they had agreed on a verdict for the plaintiff. Counsel: "I don't know whether the jury tried the cigars." The Foreman: "We did not."

DANGERS OF A SCRATCH.

30 YEARS' SUFFERING WHICH NOTHING COULD CURE BUT ZAM-BUK.

The neglect of a small ordinary looking injury is one of the greatest mistakes in life, a mistake which may often prove a fatal one. Mrs. M. Wright, of 113, Wenman Street, Birmingham, found in Zam-Buk her only possible cure. Mrs. Wright says :—

"Over 30 years ago, I slipped and grazed the skin. Though it was rather painful at the time, I did not think it serious. However, as my leg began to swell, I consulted a medical man, but in spite of the treatment the leg got worse. I then consulted one of the most eminent doctors in Birmingam, but still the leg got gradually worse. I contracted rheumatic fever, and during the years that followed I became a pitiable wreck. A brown bark covered the skin from the ankle half way up the leg, and the pain was intense. I was attended by several medical men, and tried almost every kind of ointment and medicine. Then I decided to go to the Infirmary where I remained for three weeks. They scraped the bone: however in a few weeks the wound all broke out again. Then, for a month I was an inmate of the Selly Oak Infirmary, followed by eleven months' treatment at the General Hospital, but my leg remained a mass of running wounds. Then I heard of Zam-Buk. I cannot describe the feelings of relief it gave me. At first it opened all the wound, and fetched out all the foul matter. For seven weeks I continued with Zam-Buk, and then my leg was completely cured."

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THE HOTEL DIEU.

The Paris hospital Hotel Dieu attracts attention owing to the fact that the process of its secularisation has just been completed. It is said to have been founded by St. Landry, and to be mentioned in a charter of 829. It was a poor institution, however, of little importance until 1168 when a law was passed requiring every canon to present the hospital with a bed either when he obtained preferment or on his death. One canon, it is recorded, went further than this and bequeathed two houses to the hospital on condition that every year, on the anniversary of his birth, the patients should be allowed to eat and drink whatever they liked. The legacy

GREEN ROOM GOSSIP.

AN UNFORTUNATE APOLOGY.

Before you can enjoy "The New York Idea," you have to be educated up to it. If you were not, your own idea of the thing might be that there was not much in New York's. So, to prevent—or with the view of preventing—such a calamity as this, Mr. Herbert Sleath has caused the programmes at the Apollo to be accompanied with reproductions of a New York dramatic critic's "letter to a friend in London," from which you may learn beforehand, if you happen to have time for "prep" (as the kiddies say) before the light goes down and the curtain goes up, that all you are about to see and listen to is entirely within the sphere of possibility. Writes the New York dramatic critic: "Mr. Langdon Mitchell's brilliant comedy is, I think, one of the few plays made in America by Americans which should be of genuine interest to English audiences . . . . Londoners who will go to see Mr. Mitchell's play, however, will have to be told that divorces in certain of the American States are granted for offences which are not immoral, and that, as a consequence, the decree which in some countries brands husband or wife, or both, with dishonour, does not necessarily imply anything so serious as in England." The New York dramatic critic follows on with three or four other explanations, but one looks in vain among them for the explanation which explains why he thinks "The New York Idea" "one of the few plays made in America by Americans which should be of genuine interest to English audiences," when he knows that the matter of which it is composed is so utterly foreign to their understanding that they have to take lessons in its doctrines before they can hope to grasp the author's meaning.

DIVORCE MADE EASY.

The New York dramatic critic's apology—for as such it reads—is an unfortunate one. It makes you feel that the author's case is a very desperate one; that at the eleventh hour he had to rush for help to a New York dramatic critic and a "friend in London," and that without such help the play was doomed. And fancy—though fancy is often entirely wrong—pictures the "friend in London" as being none other (coincidence of coincidences!) than the London manager! which all comes from somebody or other, probably the author, wanting to give "The New York Idea" too big a name. Had he frankly called it a farce, the New York dramatic critic's apology would not have been needed. All sorts of things may happen in farce without it being necessary for us, before we laugh at them, to learn about the laws of the country which make their happening possible. Mr. Mitchell's effort is one of the best farces that was ever spoiled by a wrong description, an unfortunate apology, and comedy acting. It could be made quite the merriest entertainment in London if the actors and actresses engaged in it might be allowed to address themselves more to "The New York Idea" as to divorce than to the author's ideas as to comedy.

AN EXCELLENT FARCE.

Even as it is—with Miss Ellis Jeffreys and Mr. Frederick Kerr playing at comedy time all through—there is a great amount of fun got out of the "idea" of divorced husbands and wives meeting together under one roof and speculating upon their new lives with their proposed new partners. It is one of the best jokes imaginable to hear the divorced John Kerslake amiably arranging with Cynthia Kerslake to be best man at her second wedding; and it is rare fun to find pretty Vida Pennington visiting the husband who has divorced her, and asking to be introduced to the woman he is about to marry—to wit, Mrs. Kerslake—just to see what sort of creature she is. And when the two unlinked couples meet at afternoon tea in Judge Pennington's home, to frivol and chat with exchanged partners, it is unquestionably amusing to see cropping up again the old early matrimonial doubt as to the number of lumps of sugar the men take in their cups. But is this comedy? I think not. It is farce, and first-rate farce, too; and as such it should be played, and as such it needs no apologetic explanations from dramatic critics in New York to friends in London as to the laws and the customs of the country in which the action takes place. My advice to those about to see "The New York Idea" is—go to the Apollo prepared to see a clever and delightfully funny farce, and don't take the slightest notice either of the author's description of his work or of the New York dramatic critic's "letter to a friend in London."

ANOTHER EXCELLENT FARCE.

Pinero's "The Magistrate," Anstey's "Vice Versa," Somebody's "The little Stranger," Arthur Law's. The New Boy—each of these admirable farces was a success from the first, because it is always such a safe idea—a London idea as well as a New York idea—to depend for laughter upon the circumstance of a man being taken for a boy, and treated as such. It does not in the least matter for what reason he is forced into impossible clothes and situations—indeed, in farce, we have learnt to look for no reason at all for these things. Archibald Renwick, the diminutive husband of an overpowering and considerably overgrown wife goes to school as the "new boy," and the result is so immensely funny that the spectator carefully evades all speculation as to possibilities and probabilities, that he may not break the spel of his enjoyment. When pretty housemaids take men upon their knees, believing them all the while to be boys, and kiss them with sisterly affection on their well-shaven cheeks, and when those men in boy's clothing are spanked for their Latin grammar exercises, cheeked by the juniors, and called out to fight with the bullying fat boys of the school, one does not pause in one's laughter to meditate upon the likelihood of the proceedings. That is where the idea of The New Boy scores over The New York Idea. We know how to take it, because the actors and actresses at the New know how it should be given. Mr. Leon M. Lion is capital in Mr. Weedon Grossmith's old part of the "new boy" Archie, and Miss Gladys Homfry, as his better and much bigger half, repeats the success she made in this part at the Vaudeville some thirteen years ago—when, by the way, Mr John Beauchamp made a great hit, as he makes it again in the present revival, as Dr. Candy, the principal of the school where the action of Mr. Low's "screamer" takes place. "The New Boy" is a great farce, and is the more enjoyable for not being presented as a great comedy.

MADAM TETRAZZINI.

In Buenos Ayres I sang Lucia no fewer than fifty-four times, writes Madam Tetrazzini in a short account of her life contributed to "M. A. P." The fiftyieth performance was made the occasion of a great "fete", and the President was present. The theatre was decorated. That perhaps was to be expected. What I certainly could not have expected was that the whole route along which I had to go from my hotel to the theatre would be decorated too. From Buenos Ayres I went to Rio and other towns, and then to Russia, San Francisco, and Cuba. Then I went to Mexico, where the people are devoted lovers of music, and they made my life very pleasant for me. At Guadalajara the opera house is half as big again as Covent Garden and holds over four thousand people. It was a wonderful sight to see it packed from floor to ceiling. There are no libraries in the town, as there are in London, at which people may buy seats. The consequence is all the tickets, have to be obtained from the theatre.

TETRAZZINI NIGHTS.

On what they called "Tetrazzini Nights" a force of police used to be placed at the box office in order to keep the people back. Their enthusiasm was something wonderful. At Chihuahua and at Juanajahato they actually handed up purses of gold to me across the footlights. At Chihuahua one evening a purse containing a thousand dollars in gold was thrown to me with the cry "Signora, a little present for you;" and at Juanajahato another purse came to me in the same way which contained one thousand six hundred dollars. Even the members of the orchestra used to provide themselves with flowers and throw them to me. In Mexico, too, I was the recipient of a compliment which was exceedingly beautiful. I mention it not, as I hope you will believe, from any feeling of conceit, but as a tribute to the enthusiasm of the people.

A COMPLIMENT OF PIGEONS.

At Guadalajara one night after I had finished a certain aria I heard the whirring of birds' wings, and as I looked up I saw some pigeons come fluttering down from the gallery on to the stage. The feathers of one wing had been cut so that they could not fly about the house but were bound to fall to the ground. As the pigeons fell on to the stage there came a cry "Madame, vous chantz comme les oiseaux, et voila les oiseaux a vos pieds!" On another occasion at Monterey, they got some white pigeons which they treated in the same way. The unfortunate wings of the birds were painted with the Italian colours, red, white, and green, and ribbons of the Italian colours were fastened to the claws of the birds, which fluttered to my feet. It was a beautiful compliment, which I appreciated very greatly.

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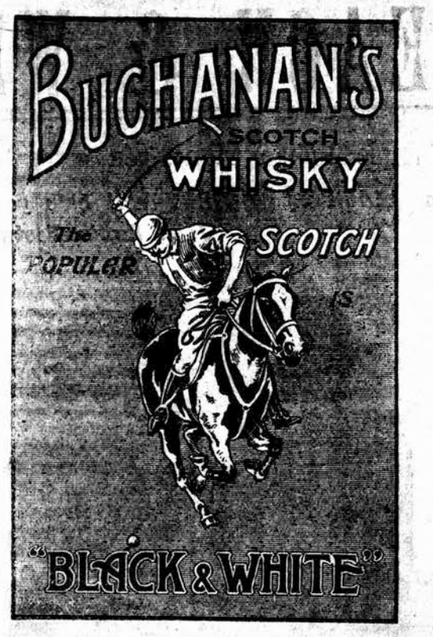

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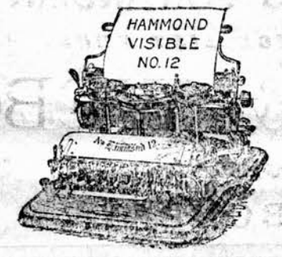

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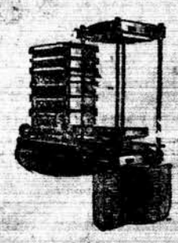

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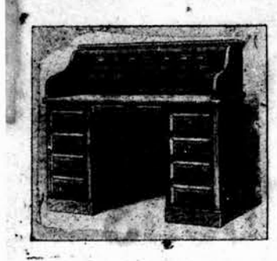

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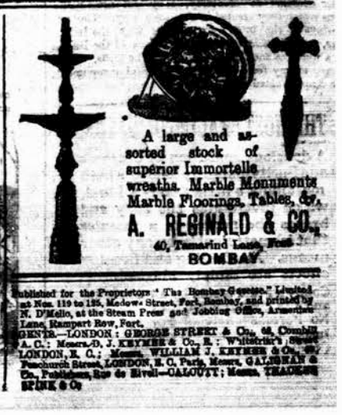

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